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### Blow for farmers and fishermen

# Brussels hits back against British veto

By Philip Webster, Peter Riddell, and Michael Dynes

EUROPE launched a fierce counter-strike against Britain's blocking tactics in the beef war yesterday.

After Jacques Santer, the president of the European Commission, accused John Major of "hostage-taking" in his policy of non-cooperation, Brussels announced three measures that angered Euro-sceptics:

☐ Compensation to farmers for falling beef prices, which hands more cash to German and French farmers than to British farmers whose herds have been most affected.

☐ Second, Emma Bonino, the Fisheries Commissioner, said that Britain's fishing fleet, along with other EU fleets, must be reduced by 40 per cent, over and above cuts that have already proved too difficult to achieve.

☐ Third, the Commission demanded that Britain must, by today, give it details of the baby milk brands at the centre of the latest domestic health scare. Minister have so far refused to divulge the brands at home.

The announcements, clearly designed to show the Government that the European Union has no intention of bowing to the Prime Minister's hardline campaign, came as Kenneth Clarke, the Cabinet's leading pro-European, voiced hopes that the confrontation would be over before next month's EU summit in Florence. The Chancellor of the Exchequer also rejected Tory Euro-sceptics' demands for a specific timetable for lifting the ban on British beef.

In an interview with *The Times*, the Chancellor said: "We would prefer to sort it out before the Florence summit. If it is going on then, it will have to be sorted out at Florence.

"If we get absolutely no response from the other European countries it is likely to go on indefinitely. I do not think this is likely. The process of blocking all this legislation is going to concentrate minds."

Mr Santer's unprecedented attack, which bore all the hallmarks of his predecessor Jacques Delors, came as Ms Bonino announced the plan to reduce the Union's fleets to preserve fishing stocks that are in imminent danger of being "fished to extinction".

The Commission's proposed compensation package for falling beef prices means British farmers will receive £13 million out of a fund of about £52 million. However, the figure, which is based on total numbers of cattle, will give French producers £23.2 million and the Germans £15.4 million.

The package of measures provoked the fury of Conservative Euro-sceptics last night. John Redwood, last year's party leadership contender, described the fishing move as "a devastating hammer blow to an already devastated industry".

He added: "British fishermen are being asked to scrap their boats and to sacrifice their jobs, to stand on the quayside and watch Spanish vessels catch the fish."

Mr Redwood urged the Prime Minister to step up the conflict with the Union by reimposing a 200-mile fishing limit round Britain unless fishermen are given a better deal.

The "war cabinet" of Mr Major, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Secretary, were away from London. However, Roger Freeman, the Public Service Minister, who is leading the Cabinet's technical response, said of Mr Santer's reaction: "We are approaching this in a calm and rational fashion. We hope the rest of Europe will do the same."

The force of Mr Santer's outburst, delivered at a private meeting of his commissioners and deliberately disclosed, surprised the Government.

Mr Santer's sppokesman said after the meeting: "He deplores the taking hostage of dossiers in the Council which has nothing to do with BSE. Such actions have no place in the Community governed by the rule of law." Although he said there were no plans for legal action action at present, with Britain challenging the worldwide beef-ban in the European Court, there is a clear, longer-term threat of a legal tit-for-tat.

The Commission president also claimed that Britain's attitude would "not fail to be counter-productive".

Mr Santer emphasised that it was up to Britain to put its house in order: "The main responsibility rests with the UK authorities, which must make proposals, apply them, and monitor them effectively in order to eradicate BSE. These measures are the only way in which we can re-establish consumer confidence and stabilise the markets," he said.

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The Prince and Princess of Wales embrace as they leave Eton yesterday after they had made a rare public appearance together at the school's speech day. The couple joined Prince William for lunch, but left before the traditional procession of boats

# Teacher tells of screams as Dunblane gunman fired

By Stephen Farrell and Gillian Bowditch

TWO teachers yesterday told the first day of the inquiry into the Dunblane massacre of the moments when Thomas Hamilton opened fire on the class of five- and six-year-olds and their teacher Gwen Mayor.

Mary Blake, herself wounded when Hamilton fired 105 bullets around the primary school gymnasium, told the inquiry headed by Lord Cullen: "I can remember the children shouting. It was so loud that the screams seemed to be inside my head. We felt so hopeless because we could do nothing for the children."

Both she and Eileen Harrild, a physical education teacher who suffered chest and arm wounds, praised the terrified children for staying "amazingly calm" as they cowered in a corner of the gymnasium moaning from their wounds. One child kept repeating "What a bad man," said Mrs Harrild. "We just put our fingers to our lips and the children were very quiet. They didn't want him to come back again."

Mrs Harrild said she and her colleague had tried to lift gym mats onto the children to protect them, but they were too badly injured. She said Hamilton had opened fire after walking into the gymnasium wearing a woolly hat and earmuffs, and carrying a gun extended in his arm.

"I was about to ask what he wanted, I looked and saw the gun, and he started shooting at me."

Hamilton was carrying four handguns and enough ammunition to kill everyone in the school — 743 rounds, many of them soft nose bullets designed to cause maximum damage.

Relatives of the dead and 14 injured listened in silence as they heard how Hamilton opened fire on the class on March 13 in which 16 children and a teacher died.

The inquiry is being held at the Albert Halls, Stirling, five miles from Dunblane.

The most chilling moment of the day was when a picture of Thomas Hamilton's dead body lying on the gymnasium floor was flashed up on a dozen television screens around the hall. Families of the dead and injured, who had arrived flanked by social workers and police, grimaced at the sight of his corpse surrounded by the guns he used. The evidence was too much for some parents, who were helped out of the hall by counsellors. However most stayed throughout, sitting stony faced in a gallery removed from the press and public seats.

Harrild: injured too badly to help class

Two hundred seats had been made available for members of the public behind them but few were full. The people of Stirling are acutely aware of the suffering of their neighbours.

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# Beef fails to turn the tide for Major

By Peter Riddell

THE Tories and John Major have failed to reap any immediate electoral benefit from the beef confrontation with the European Union, a MORI poll for *The Times* reveals.

Support for the Tories has fallen over the past month. It stands at 27 per cent, down one point on the end of April, while public satisfaction with the performance of the Government and Mr Major have declined. Labour is unchanged at 54 per cent, with the Liberal Democrats one point up at 15 per cent.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, is contrary to the expectations of most MPs and party strategists. It will dash the hopes of Tory leaders that Mr Major's tough line of non-cooperation with Brussels would boost the party's standing as he is portrayed as a strong and patriotic leader.

Labour advisers were also apprehensive that the party's ratings might suffer from the beef confrontation and from recent reports about Shadow Cabinet disagreements. The poll may reinforce misgivings among Tory MPs about the wisdom of the confrontation policy, with rumblings of dissent already evident among pro-European Tories and sceptics.

Even Tory supporters have not been impressed, the poll shows. Their satisfaction with the way Mr Major is doing his job as Prime Minister has declined from 68 to 63 per cent since the end of April. His overall approval rating —

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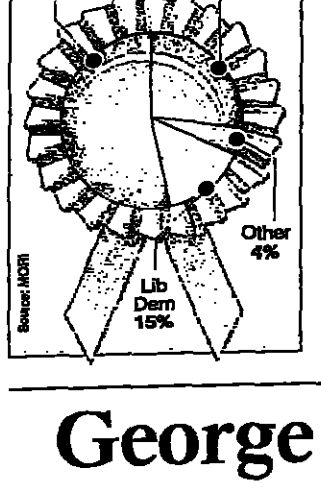


"Paul Gascoigne is on board. You may experience some turbulence"

## Quest for peace

The Duchess of York will begin a quest to find "inner peace" in her new life after her divorce is made absolute today. She said in a television interview that she intended to turn over a "fresh, clean page" in her life ........Page 3

## Extra beds

The Health Secretary has ordered 55 more extra intensive care beds for critically ill children to try to stem complaints that hospitals are turning youngsters away. Health authorities must find the money ........Page 5

# Peres clings to tiny lead in Israeli poll

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

EARLY exit polls from the Israeli elections last night showed Shimon Peres, the incumbent Prime Minister, leading by a narrow margin.

Polls conducted by two separate Israeli television stations gave Mr Peres a lead of between 1-5 per cent over Binyamin Netanyahu, leader of the rival Likud party. In the race for the 120-seat Knesset, Labour was predicted to win more than 35 seats and Likud more than 30. The pro-Labour Meretz party was in third place with ten seats.

In what was predicted to be an 80 per cent turnout — higher than in 1992 — the big surprise was the apparent gains made by three main religious parties who are tipped to win 20 seats, an increase of at least four.

The Israeli Arabs, who form 12-15 per cent of the electorate of 3.9 million, could hold the balance of power. Many extreme right-wing Jews have vowed non co-operation with a government dependent on Arab support.

While some Arabs claimed to have been motivated to support Mr Peres by recent blatantly racist slogans used by ultra-orthodox Jews backing Likud, others said that the recent assault on Lebanon was still too potent to allow them to vote for him.

Under the new electoral system, the candidate elected with over 50 per cent of the total poll has 45 days to select a government able to command confidence in the Knesset.

Death threats against Mr Peres from right-wing Jewish extremists opposed to his conciliatory policies towards the Arabs overshadowed voting yesterday.

Mr Peres was forced to scrap an afternoon tour of polling booths after callers said that he would be assassinated "within the next few hours".

Security officials said a loaded rifle had been found close to Labour Party election headquarters in Tel Aviv.

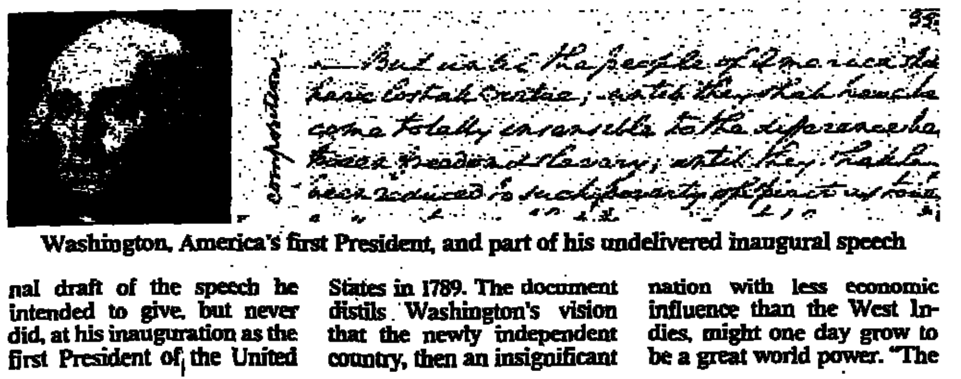
Earlier Mr Peres voted in a Tel Aviv suburb surrounded by a phalanx of nervous bodyguards.

# George Washington draft found in Suffolk

By Alan Hamilton
and John Vincent

THE Library of Congress in Washington emerged last night as a likely bidder for an important early American document found under a sofa in a Suffolk country house.

Book experts at Phillips, the London auctioneers, are satisfied that the single sheet of paper, with handwriting on both sides, is the work of George Washington and is a missing fragment of his original draft of the speech he intended to give, but never did, at his inauguration as the first President of the United States in 1789. The document distils Washington's vision that the newly independent country, then an insignificant nation with less economic influence than the West Indies, might one day grow to be a great world power. "The New World is now becoming a stage for wonderful exhibitions," he wrote.



Washington, America's first President, and part of his undelivered inaugural speech

Washington's notes were found during a routine probate valuation of books at a house in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, after the recent death of a descendant of Sir Thomas Lyell, a prominent English geologist who visted America in the 1840s and is thought to have been given pages of Washington's script as a souvenir. Simon Roberts, the

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# Clarke snubs Tory Right on beef and taxes

**■ Kenneth Clarke, refusing to give way to the Tories' "excitable backbenchers", yesterday told Peter Riddell and Janet Bush of his determination to be tough on the economy and tender toward Europe**

GILL ALLEN

Mr Clarke yesterday, relaxed but defying Euro-sceptics over the BSE crisis: "We cannot have these people ratchet it up for wider motives"

AN UNRUFFLED Kenneth Clarke delivered a double rebuff to Tory rightwingers yesterday, refusing to promise tax cuts or to sign up for a long beef war with Europe. If he has his way, there will be no early general election — certainly not one about beef — and no early Budget.

Talking to *The Times* yesterday in his Treasury office, Mr Clarke was his usual relaxed self, chatting about his visit to Northampton to watch cricket on Tuesday and apparently unflustered by the beef row or by the taunts of his Eurosceptic critics. For him the beef ban, while fully justified, is a negotiating tactic and should not develop into a wider European battle.

The Chancellor's views are at odds with those critics over the conditions for ending non-cooperation with the European Union, over their calls for "repatriation" of powers from Brussels and on expectations of tax cuts in the autumn.

The cost of the beef crisis and a shortfall in tax revenues, he says, mean that the warning noises he made early about the Budget were not tactical. "They were not made with a nod and a wink to my more right-wing, excitable backbenchers, saying that, actually, I am going to give enormous tax cuts but I want to lower expectations.

"I was trying to get into the public debate as quickly as possible that this year is a very tight year on fiscal policy."

Mr Clarke describes as "gimmicky" recent suggestions about bringing forward the Budget from the end of November to allow a general election at the end of this year. "I have not even contemplated bringing it forward, nor has it been suggested to me that I should. It is a mythical discussion.

"You would have to have very good reasons other than an election. I think to do it for an election is just gimmicky. It runs the risk of making the Budget less credible."

European policy, he says, has been fixed in the Government's White Paper and is "not going to change before the next election, on a single currency, a referendum, on all the key issues". He strongly defends last week's non-cooperation decision, which he describes as "a perfectly legitimate European tactic". The Prime Minister and he worked out the position together before it was announced.

Britain, he says, is not trying to paralyse the work of the EU because that "would be to the great disadvantage of Britain". There will be no effect on the work on a single currency, which does not require decisions for a considerable time: "EMU is one of the areas of policy least affected."

Mr Clarke is careful to stress that the Government has "never specified the need for a timetable with dates on". What is needed is agreement on a series of steps, so that Britain can be reassured that "what we're doing in good faith will lead other countries to lift the ban when we've done it".

The tactic has precedents. Mr Clarke remembers Lamberto Dini of Italy blocking the financial deal agreed at the Edinburgh summit over the issue of Italian milk quotas. "Lamberto was not being apologetic. He did exactly the same thing at several Ecofin [finance ministers'] meetings I attended and faced strong complaints from some of his colleagues."

Mr Clarke hopes the tactic will be lifted before the Florence summit of European heads of government next month. "If we get absolutely no response from the other European countries, it's likely to go on indefinitely. I don't think this is likely. The process of locking up all this legislation is going to concentrate minds."

He is dismissive of attempts by the sceptics to broaden the argument with the rest of Europe. "We cannot have these people ratchet it up for other wider motives which are inconsistent with the Government's wider policy. We're not seeking repatriation [of powers from Brussels]." Mr Clarke does not talk as if he is isolated. "I think there is a large number of my party who agree with my position on Europe."

The beef crisis means that a big chunk — more than £1 billion — of this year's public spending contingency reserve has already been earmarked. That and the shortfall in tax revenues, he acknowledges, means that he faces problems on both sides of the Government's balance sheet.

Mr Clarke says that his first priority is to get borrowing down to achieve a balanced budget in the medium term. He expresses concern that this target has already slipped back by 12 months last year. "I certainly don't intend to have a target which keeps moving off into the medium-term distance and is never reached."

Some Conservative backbenchers have privately argued that not only would large tax cuts give the Government its best chance of winning the election, but that even if it were to lose, the cuts could leave Labour with a fiscal poisoned pill. Mr Clarke robustly rejects such a game plan. "People who argue that assume we are not going to win the election. It is a defeatist argument. I do not believe we have lost the next election.

"I do not wish to find the party in office dealing with things that it had not told the public about which caused us to go back on what we have been doing. I propose to leave the economy in the healthiest state we can manage, and the public finances in the healthiest state we can manage, so that we can deliver what we promise at the next election."

His party's election success did not depend on tax cuts in November. "Our best card at the next election is that we have run the economy very successfully so that people are now getting better off and unemployment is falling, and we will argue to people that we are going to carry on doing that so that they will get even better off and unemployment will fall further as long as they re-elect a Conservative Government."

The Chancellor took a hard line on public spending. His target of getting it down to 40 per cent of gross domestic product is proving to be eye-wateringly tough, he says, and he gave a warning that the public-spending round about to begin would be even more ferocious than in the past few years.

"The background to this year's spending round is plainly a year when discretionary bids of one kind or another are going to be very hard to entertain. By and large, colleagues should appreciate there's no room for them and some people are going to have to make reductions."

The twin concerns of the economy and Europe come together in suggestions that his position is becoming like that of Roy Jenkins leading the minority of Labour pro-Europeans in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Although admitting that "I do agree with Roy on some things on Europe", Mr Clarke is amused by the comparison. "Roy Jenkins was a passable Chancellor. I'd like to be better. Of all the Labour Chancellors I can remember, I think Roy was the best — I'll go that far in praising an erstwhile political opponent."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Tories must open books says Prescott

**John Prescott accused the Tories yesterday of filling party coffers with money from "illegal, immoral and illicit" sources. Amid growing allegations that businessmen with links to the Bosnian Serb leadership have contributed to Tory funds, the deputy leader told a seafarers' conference in Dublin: "Not a day goes by without new revelations about the dodgy funding of the Conservative party. The case for the Tory party to open their books and reveal the sources of their income is now unanswerable."**

**Mr Prescott said that funds from the fugitive businessman Asil Nadir had been shown to be illegal. The Tories, he added, were now "in hock" to secretive foreign businessmen.**

## Camera clue

**Robbers who killed a German tourist may have been captured on closed-circuit television. Johanna Czardebon, 56, was shot as she sat drinking coffee with her husband in a Bedford hotel on Tuesday. Detectives are hoping that a security system covering the town centre may have recorded the pair entering or leaving the hotel.**

## Jury still out

**The jury in the retrial of Sara Thornton, accused of murdering her husband Malcolm, retired last night without reaching a verdict after four hours' deliberation. The eight men and four women will resume their deliberations today at Oxford Crown Court. Thornton has already served five years in jail for the killing.**

## Parole issue

**The Parole Board has criticised the Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, over his plan to abolish discretionary parole for prisoners serving more than four years and to replace it with a system under which they earn early release by good behaviour. The board described the change as "a serious and potentially dangerous mistake".**

## Nurse struck off

**A district nurse who falsified records of home visits, describing as "cheerful" a woman who had died two months before, was struck off the register of the UK Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting. Margaret Evans, 64, has been sacked by Shropshire health authority and did not attend the hearing in London.**

## Bosun drowned

**The bosun of the Oxford University Yacht Club drowned during a punting trip on the River Cherwell after suffering an epileptic fit, an inquest in Oxford was told yesterday. Stephen Royle, 35, a mature student at Manchester College, passed out after the fit and fell into the water.**

**Verdict: accident.**

## Greenbaum dies

**Professor Sidney Greenbaum, a leading authority on the English language, collapsed and died on Tuesday while lecturing at Moscow State University. Professor Greenbaum, formerly Quain Professor of English Language and Literature at University College London and director of the Survey of the English Language, was 59.**

## Etonian charged

**An old Etonian appeared in court in Reading yesterday on charges of intending to supply drugs to pupils at the public school. Thomas Seidler, 19, a student at Warwick University, faces three charges of possessing with intent to supply and four further charges of possessing drugs. The case was adjourned until July.**

# Fishermen reject Brussels plan for fleet cut

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

BRITISH fishermen last night rejected proposals from Brussels for a 40 per cent cut in the size of European Union fishing fleets over the next six years. They said the cuts would destroy the livelihoods of coastal communities.

Britain's fleet was already struggling to survive, they said, in the face of reduced catch quotas and competition from flag-of-convenience Spanish and Dutch boats. Any further cutbacks would put smaller ports out of business.

Announcing the proposed cutback in Brussels yesterday Emma Bonino, the EU Fisheries Commissioner, said she had no option but to set new targets for reducing EU trawler fleets if the European fishing industry was to survive into the next century. "Too much fishing will kill off all the fish," she said.

Britain faces the prospect of an even bigger fleet cutback than other member states because, according to the European Commission, it is about 15 per cent behind on meeting its reduction targets under the current four-year boat decommissioning programme, which runs to the end of this year. The British fishing fleet is estimated by Brussels to stand at 247,198 gross tonnes, still far above the agreed target of 212,974 tonnes for 1995 and the even lower level of 209,370 tonnes Britain is required to reach by the end of this year. The 40 per cent cut would apply to the tonnage Britain is supposed to have attained.

Glenn Quelch, of the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, said: "The Government must fiercely resist these proposals. What the Commission never acknowledges is that 20 per cent of British fleet tonnage is accounted for by quota-hopping foreign boats. If they were removed we would be comfortably within our targets."

Malcolm Cooke, chairman of the South West Fish Producers' Organisation in Brixham, Devon's main fishing port, said: "My reaction is one of horror. We still have 15 per cent of the previous cutback to meet, so the Commission is effectively proposing a halving of the British fleet."

☐ Spain has threatened to retaliate against British initiatives in Europe after Britain's decision — as part of the campaign of non-co-operation in the face of the EU ban on British beef — to block the progress of a free trade accord between the EU and Mexico.

Bonino: said fish could die out from overfishing

# Tory popularity down

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measuring those satisfied or less dissatisfied — has dropped from minus 33 points to minus 40 among the public as a whole. Net satisfaction with the Government's performance has dropped from minus 60 to minus 64. Tony Blair's net approval rating has slipped slightly from 22 points to 19.

These findings will reinforce the Conservative leadership's caution about calling an early election. Talking ahead of the poll, Mr Clarke told *The Times* that he did not favour an early election. He argued that the Tories' best card was to argue that people would get even better off and unemployment would fall further so long as they re-elected a Conservative government. "This particular card will get stronger the longer this parliament runs because with every month I expect to see the real economy getting stronger." The idea of bringing the Budget forward to permit an early election was, he said, "just gimmicky".

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,620 adults at 137 sampling points between May 23 and 26. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or who refuse to say (2 per cent).*

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# Labour to target reading ability

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

LABOUR will turn its back on progressive teaching methods today with proposals to bring all children up to their expected reading age before they start secondary school. One option will be to hold pupils back in primary schools until they have reached the required standard.

In a speech to head teachers, David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, will throw his weight behind whole-class teaching, grouping by ability, and phonics — the traditional method of learning to read by sounding out letters.

He is to offer parents yearly progress reports and promise a new emphasis on the three Rs under Labour. Mr Blunkett has set a target of the end of a second term in government for all 11-year-olds to reach their chronological reading age, other than those with special needs. A literacy taskforce, chaired by Professor Michael Barber, dean of new initiatives at London University's Institute of Education, will advise Labour on how to achieve this.

Measures will include an increased role for parents supporting teachers and an overhaul of teacher training courses.

Mr Blunkett's speech, at the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers in Torquay, is expected to single out Labour authorities such as Nottinghamshire, where primary schools place children in ability sets, and the East London borough of Barking and Dagenham, which has encouraged whole-class teaching.

Labour will stop short of promising an immediate review of the national curriculum in primary schools. But party leaders want the first two years of school to be devoted mainly to reading, writing and numeracy, together with interpersonal skills.

# Defence chiefs fear pensions shake-up

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FIVE former chiefs of the defence staff have spoken out against a proposed pension scheme for the Armed Forces, which they fear could lead to cuts and injustice for thousands of service widows.

The scheme is due to be announced in the summer, as part of a much-delayed response to a study by Sir Michael Bett, former deputy chairman of BT, published in March last year.

A call for the new system to remedy current injustices is made in a letter to *The Times* today from Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, Field Marshal Lord Bramall and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Craig of Radley.

They are eager for change to a rule under which pensions for servicemen who retired before 1978 cannot be passed on to their widows if they married after retirement. This regulation is believed to affect a growing number of widows and, if abolished, would cost the Ministry of Defence an extra £60 million.

Sir Michael's report, *Managing People in Tomorrow's Armed Forces*, included a number of pension improvements which would cost an extra £40 million a year. These would be offset, however, by his recommendation that pensions should be paid only from the age of 50. Currently ex-servicemen can receive partial pensions from their late 30s.

This recommendation, which is expected to be adopted, has been fiercely opposed by the services. Major-General Peter Bonnet, general secretary of the Officers' Pension Society, which campaigns for all of the 319,000 service pensioners and their dependants, said it would save the MoD at least £200 million.

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# Draft of speech by Washington found in Suffolk

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valuer from Phillips, was being shown round the house when the gardener who was with him noticed an album protruding from under a sofa.

"I pulled it out, expecting to find family photos. When I saw the piece by Washington in his own hand, I knew I had found something important. It is by far the most valuable find of my life," Mr Roberts said yesterday.

Phillips expect the document to fetch about £150,000 at auction in London on June 13, but interest from America could drive the price much higher. James Hutson, keeper of manuscripts at the Library of Congress in Washington, said last night that 13 other leaves from Washington's draft speech, which originally contained 62 pages, had come to light over the past 200 years. Most of them, however, were in private hands. "The Library of Congress has no originals, only photocopies; we would be most interested in this document, provided we are satisfied it is genuine," Mr Hutson said. The museum in Washington's home at Mount Vernon also has no original pages of the draft speech.

Felix Pryor, head of the book department at Phillips, said last night that he was convinced of the document's authenticity. "I have compared the handwriting with known Washington texts, and it matches. I have read the previous page of the manuscript, which is known and has been published, and the text runs on. And I am satisfied as to its provenance, given the family in whose possession it was found," Mr Pryor said.

In his original, undelivered address, Washington rejects the possibility that Americans would prove incapable of governing themselves, or would ever again consent to having external government imposed on them as they had under George III.

But, he goes on, "until the people of America shall have lost all virtue; until they shall have become totally insensible to the difference between freedom and slavery; until they shall have been reduced to such poverty of spirit as to be willing to sell that pre-eminent blessing, the birthright of a Freeman, for a mess of pottage; in short, until they shall have been found incapable of governing themselves and ripe for a Master — those consequences, I think, can never arrive."

Later, he writes: "Happily our citizens are remarkably instructed by education, docile to duty, and ingenious for making improvements. I believe that more knowledge is, at this moment, diffused among them than among almost any ..."

Here the page turns, and the rest of what he says is lost.

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# Duchess goes solo with quest for inner peace

By Emma Wilkins

The Duchess: said that she was growing up

THE Duchess of York will begin a quest to find "inner peace" in her new life as a single working mother after her divorce is made absolute today.

She intends to turn over a "fresh, clean page" in her life with the formal ending of her ten-year marriage.

The Duchess said in a television interview that she had suffered from low self-confidence in the past, but was thinking positively about her future as a charity fundraiser. "It has been an incredible learning process these past years: and I don't regret, now I look forward."

The decree absolute is due to be issued today from the Family Division of the High Court in London. The marriage that began with pomp and splendour in Westminster Abbey on July 23, 1986, will end like millions of others, with a simple piece of paper.

Sky News publicised the interview under the banner "HRH the Duchess of York speaks exclusively". It was probably the last use of the formal title Her Royal Highness, which she has agreed to surrender after the divorce.

She told the programme *Live at Five* that she remained friends with the Duke of York and they were devoted to their children, the Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie. "I think — well, I know — I'm a very good mother to my girls and that's the most important thing. Andrew and I together are very good parents and I will continue to live in this country bringing them up in the best possible way and working as hard as I can.

"But I think it's an opportunity now perhaps to know a little bit more about myself . . . to find the inner peace. Well, that's my quest. I have had very little confidence over the last years. I'm really pleased that hopefully my children will not have to learn the hard way on that. I look forward to every day now and I look forward to the future."

The Duchess intends to throw herself into her charity activities. Yesterday she and one of her favourite charities, the Motor Neurone Disease Association, strongly denied a report that she was to be dropped as its president.

"I will help in my very small way as much as possible, if I can rally support or I can raise funds as my energy — I have a great energy for life, I love life," the Duchess said.

"If I can use that and harness that in a way to get people together and to get teams together so we can really raise some money or raise awareness — because, as you know, the media is quite interested in me — then maybe we can spread the word through that medium.

"That's why I'm often quite complimentary about journalists, because I need them — I actually use them to spread the word of children that need help.

"So, you see, it's a double-edged sword. You can't complain too much about them because they actually do spread the word."

The Duchess added: "I'm more aware about what it is to live every day and to become an alive person, so to speak . . . to become aware of what it is to be the conductor of your own orchestra . . . to be the conductor of your own mind rather than the mind running you. I'm growing up, you could say."

# Tigers in peril from lack of basic care

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

HUNDREDS of the world's remaining wild tigers are dying needlessly each year for want of local veterinary skills and tranquillisers, environmentalists said yesterday.

They have joined with British zoos to raise £100,000 to help to save one of the most threatened species. There are just 5,000 tigers in the wild.

Peter Lawton, chief executive of the British-based Global Tiger Patrol, said yesterday that the threat remained mainly from poachers supplying the Oriental medicines market, and from habitat loss. Significant numbers are also lost after becoming injured or snared in traps. Experts estimate that up to four wild tigers are killed each day.

Gail McGuffie of the charity, which works to save the Indian subspecies of tiger, cited cases where they could have been saved if dart guns, drugs and staff had been on hand. In one case a tiger was found with porcupine needles in its face and paws.

Global Tiger Patrol is just one of the groups that will benefit from Tiger Week, launched by the Federation of Zoos, the umbrella body for the 60 zoos and wildlife collections in Britain.

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SIMON WALKER

*Hari, a Sumatran tiger cub at London zoo, with its companion, Liffey, a Japanese Akita puppy. British zoos are helping to raise £100,000 to protect wild tigers*

# Road rage murder detective replaced

By Adrian Lee

THE policeman leading the search for the killer of a man during a road-rage attack ten days ago has been replaced. Kent Police said Detective Superintendent John Grace had gone on holiday and the inquiry into the murder of Stephen Cameron, 21, would be headed by Nick Biddiss, who holds the same rank.

Mr Biddiss, the most senior investigator with the force, has a reputation for conducting meticulous inquiries. Mr Grace will not be involved in the inquiry when he returns from holiday. A Kent Police spokeswoman said the switch was not significant and they had a number of "promising leads". Mr Biddiss was said to have been unavailable to lead the inquiry from the start.

Video footage from roadside cameras, motorway petrol stations, the Dartford and Blackwall tunnels and Dover docks has been of no use. A camera on the roundabout at Swanley, Kent, where Mr Cameron was stabbed in front of his girlfriend, Danielle Cable, was pointing away.

Speaking publicly about Mr Cameron's death for the first time yesterday, his parents, Ken and Toni, appealed for more help. Mr Cameron said on *London Tonight*: "Someone must know him. He's got family, friends, colleagues at work. There is something about him that is so evil . . . So please, if anyone knows who he is, tell someone."

# Earl Spencer sells five of his titles

By Joanna Bale

**THE Princess of Wales's brother, Earl Spencer, is selling five of his titles to raise up to £78,000 for the upkeep of his Northamptonshire stately home, Althorp.**

**The Manorial Lordship of Wimbledon, which dates from the Domesday Book, is likely to attract most interest and fetch an estimated £35,000 to £50,000 when it is auctioned in London on June 26, during the first week of the Wimbledon fortnight. The others, the Manors of Upper Boddington and Strixton in Northamptonshire, Newland Squillers in Hertfordshire and Theddingworth, Leicestershire, are expected to fetch between £5,000 and £7,000 each.**

**Stephen Windos, an historical consultant for Manorial Auctioneers, a trading arm of the Manorial Society of Great Britain, said yesterday: "I am sure there will be a great deal of interest in all of them, especially the Wimbledon title, which may exceed its estimated price. As it is being sold during the Wimbledon fortnight, we might get a player buying it. The Earl needs to sell it to raise money for renovations at Althorp. These are the first titles he has sold."**

# Gascoigne in squad as plane row continues

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

*Gascoigne: named as* one of England's 22

PAUL GASCOIGNE, who is at the centre of inquiries by the police and Football Association into allegations that television sets on a jumbo jet were damaged, was yesterday confirmed in the 22-man England squad for next month's European championship.

Although MPs yesterday demanded that any players found guilty of causing the £5,000 damage should be dropped from the party, the FA faxed UEFA, the European governing body, with 22 players chosen on Tuesday by Terry Venables, the England coach. Yesterday was the deadline for the 16 participating countries to finalise their squads for Euro 96.

Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said: "If we find our players were involved we will take that very seriously." But he said that the FA was "not even thinking about" dropping anyone from the party.

The players were celebrating Gascoigne's 29th birthday when the alleged incidents took place on the flight home from Hong Kong. He also allegedly argued with an air hostess. Mel Stein, Gascoigne's agent, said his client would be co-operating with the FA inquiry. "He feels that because of all the attention he has received, he will be able to put his point of view forward."

Cathay Pacific, the airline with which the England party flew, was also interviewing its cabin staff yesterday. It confirmed that it had asked the FA for compensation.

John Carlisle, Conservative MP for Luton North and the vice-chairman of the party's Sports Committee, said: "This has happened at a time when we are worried about what is going to happen over the next few weeks when the competition gets under way. It sets a terrible example. The culprits should be identified, publicly exposed and thrown out of the squad at once. And if that includes Paul Gascoigne, then so be it."

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# Cameras capture Newcastle hooligans

By Paul Wilkinson

MUGSHOTS of nearly 100 suspected football hooligans caught by closed-circuit television cameras were released by police yesterday as part of a pre-emptive crackdown on trouble at next month's Euro 96 championships.

The pictures were taken in Newcastle city centre on May 5 when the city's side lost to Tottenham, ending chances of winning the Premiership title. Publication of the pictures under the headline "Shop-A-Yob" led to thousands of calls to a police Crimestoppers line yesterday.

Last night Northumbria Police believed they had identified as many as half the young men. Twelve had already given themselves up at police stations after seeing their photographs in the local newspaper. The pictures were taken from security videotapes of city-centre trouble involving up to 1,000 youths in the Bigg Market and at the Central Station.

Last week police arrested 19 in raids on 25 homes after targeting the "generals" of the Gremlins, a gang of hooligans who follow Newcastle United. Fifty people have since been charged.

# Bishop challenges image of the weak man in the Street

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

MEN are to be invited to an audience with the Bishop of Hull, the Right Rev James Jones, to discuss their portrayal as the weaker sex in popular soap operas such as *Coronation Street*.

Bishop Jones believes many men see themselves as strong, independent characters able to cope with anything, as outlined by Rudyard Kipling in his poem *If*. But he fears the reality is that many men are more like *Coronation Street's* Jack Duckworth and Reg Holdsworth — ruled by their women.

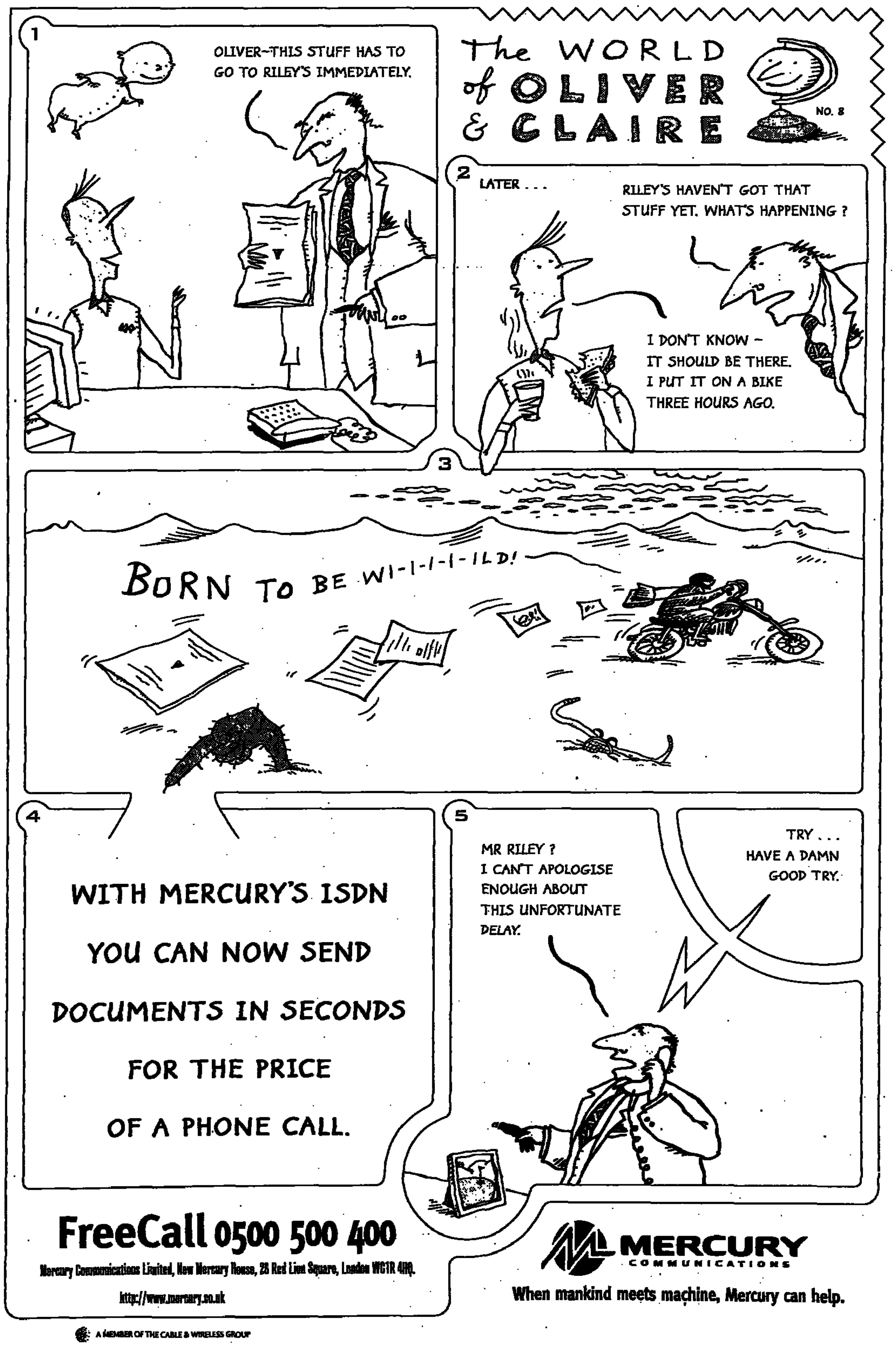
Bishop Jones is to address an annual men's meeting at Driffield, East Yorkshire, where he is spending a week on evangelism and mission. He will challenge men on whether they think the TV drama reflects a fair picture. The Bishop said: "Men would like to think they run the show. But the *Coronation Street* soap opera shows it is the women."

"I am hoping it will open up a discussion on how they see themselves and especially on how they see themselves in relation to God. Often, men think religion is something for men who cannot cope. Men like to think they are strong, independent and that they don't have any needs.

"The characters in *Coronation Street* are not positive images. I don't think *Coronation Street* is damaging the male psyche in Britain, but any study of maleness has to make reference to the soap operas. *Coronation Street* shows men as weaker. In some sections of society, it may be right."

He declined to elaborate on which sections of society this might be. The Rev Richard Carlill, vicar of St Peter's, Driffield, said: "He thinks men should be men so he wants to inspire them."

The all-male night at the Bell Hotel in Driffield will be preceded by a meeting with Mothers' Union members.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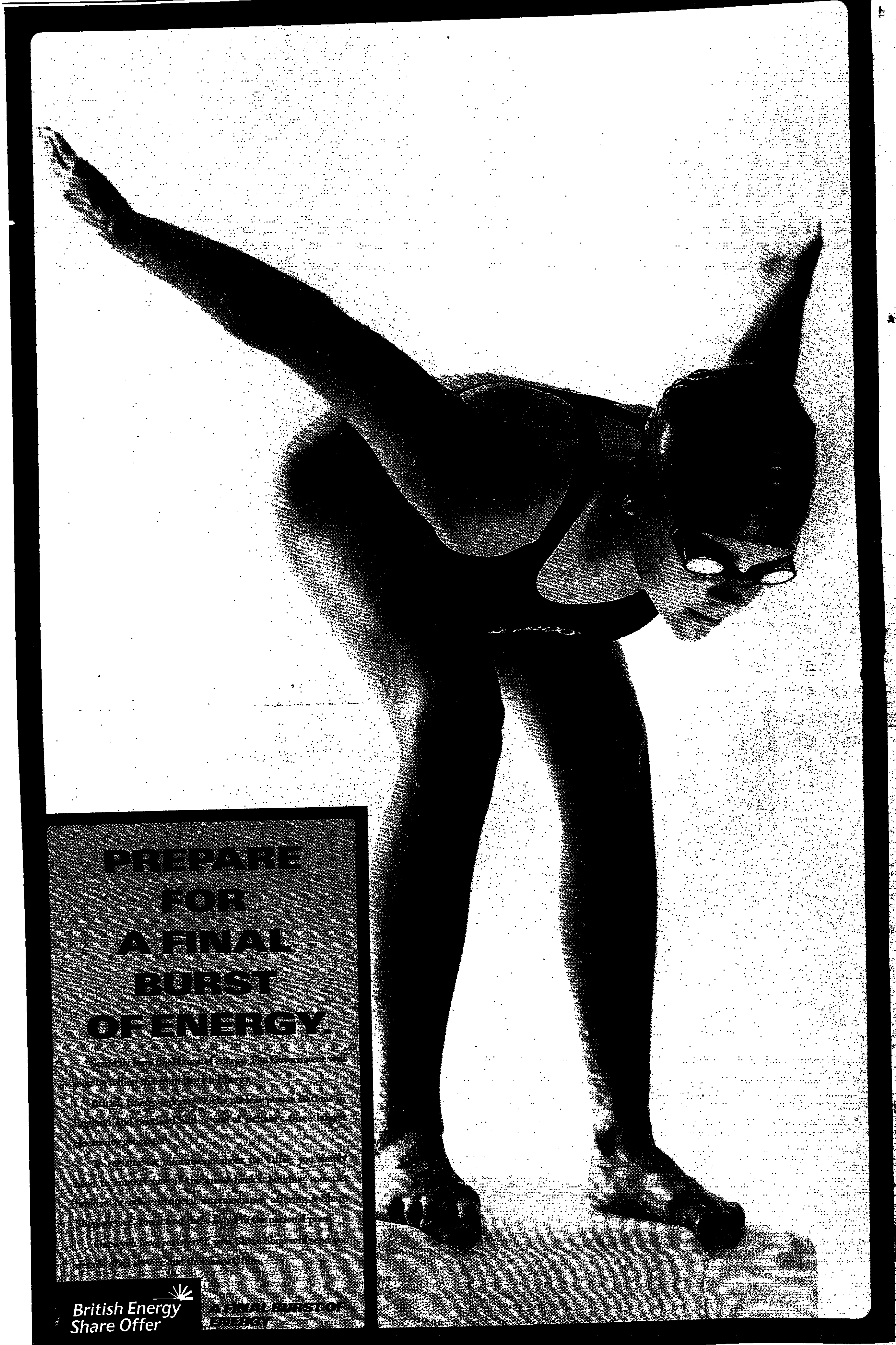

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# Minister orders health cuts to fund extra child beds

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY
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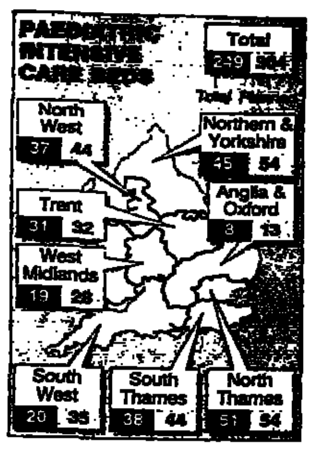


STEPHEN DORRELL ordered extra intensive care beds for critically ill children yesterday to try to stem complaints that hospitals are repeatedly turning youngsters away.

The Health Secretary said 55 more beds would be provided in England during the next three years, but left it to health authorities to find the money. Each bed costs £250,000 a year to maintain — the equivalent of 20 heart valve operations — and last night health chiefs said that important services would be squeezed.

Mr Dorrell was responding to the national outcry over the death of ten-year-old Nicholas Geldard last December. The boy collapsed at Stockport from a brain haemorrhage and was declared dead after his ambulance crossed the Pennines through a blizzard in search of a bed in Leeds.

Under Mr Dorrell's plan, a national bed bureau will be created so doctors will know which hospitals are full, saving hours of fruitless calls. Parents will not able to ring the hotline.

Many of the new beds are likely to be concentrated in five big hospitals which already have large paediatric intensive care units: Great Ormond Street and Guy's & St Thomas's in London, Alder Hey in Liverpool, Birmingham children's hospital and Yorkhill in Glasgow. They will be expected to create squads of doctors and nurses to rush to smaller institutions in the regions, bringing patients back for care.

The first 30 extra beds are to be ready to meet peak demand this winter. Mr Dorrell has found £2 million to send 225 nurses on 24-week courses. He decreed that paediatric intensive care, which has existed since only the early 1980s, should become one of the NHS's base commitments.

He declined to specify where savings should be made to pay for the new beds: "There are choices to be made at the margins. We are saying that adequate provision of paediatric intensive care is not at the margin."

The number of beds has grown rapidly from 127 in England in 1987 to 249 today. The 30 new beds this year will be followed by seven more next year and 18 the following year. Advances in medicine have increased demand, as doctors learn how to save severely ill children from kidney failure, cardiac problems and cancer. The country has enough beds for nine months of the year but comes under severe pressure during the winter.

Cath Geldard, who followed her son's ambulance from Stockport to Leeds, said: "This is moving in the right direction but it's just a shame that it is existing money that they are using. Until the beds are working with trained staff I don't think we will believe it." She is continuing her legal fight for compensation.

Louise Adams, the trust council manager of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said: "Other important services will have to be squeezed unless further funds are available. The NHS is already having to cope with significant cost pressures including rising demand, more hospital admissions, continuing care and waiting list targets. And at the same time, it is being asked to make efficiency savings of 3 per cent."

MARTIN BEDDALL

Staff nurse Noreen Ging in Guy's paediatric unit, which is being used as a model for the rest of the country

## The cost of special care

**EVERY paediatric intensive care patient needs a nurse at the bedside around the clock. A trained doctor is needed for every four beds.**

**Salaries for specially trained staff form the bulk of the £250,000 required to maintain one of the beds for a year. Each bed needs a £26,000 monitor to record heart rate, oxygen in the bloodstream and blood pressure. Most also need a ventilator costing up to £24,000. The bed will have eight syringe pumps costing a total of £8,000. The beds cost £1,000 each.**

**Ian Murdoch, director of paediatric intensive care for Guy's and St Thomas's Trust in south London, said there were four patients in their 16 beds yesterday, all aged under seven months. Usually, half the patients were less than 14 months old and their average stay was four days.**

**The Guy's unit is being used as a model for the rest of the country. Its size allows it to be more flexible and efficient than smaller hospitals.**

# Tenneh's tearful farewell to England

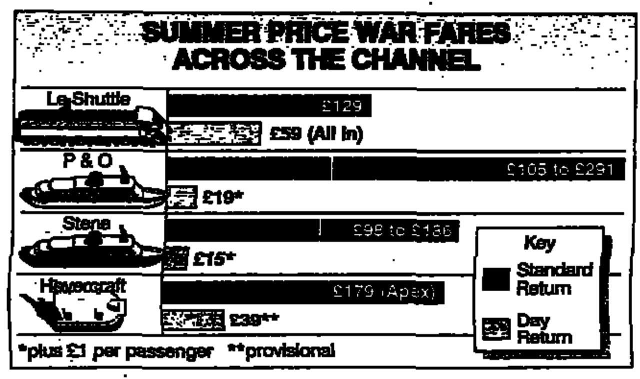
BY A STAFF REPORTER

TENNEH COLE, the five-year-old orphan brought to Britain for a life-saving operation, bid a tearful farewell to England yesterday as she started the return journey to Sierra Leone.

Tenneh was flown to Britain three weeks ago for surgery to remove a bullet from her skull. She lost the sight in her right eye and was left partly deaf as a result of being shot in the head.

The girl, who lost her parents during the civil war in Sierra Leone, looked overwhelmed as she appeared at a news conference at Heathrow. Colonel Mark Cook, of the Hope and Homeless charity, which raised money for the treatment at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, said: "She is overawed by the trauma of the past few days and the past 18 months. She has suffered terribly. It is very important for her to get back to her own environment."

Doctors are confident Tenneh will receive all the medical aftercare she needs in Sierra Leone.



# Eurotunnel takes a gamble with £49 return fare

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EUROTUNNEL declared a "fight to the death" with ferry companies yesterday as it announced a fare of £49 for a day-return car trip to France on Le Shuttle trains.

The fare comes into effect on June 1 as part of a restructuring of the debt-laden company's prices aimed at snatching vital peak season business from its ferry company rivals. The £49 day return fare for a car and up to five passengers applies to "anti-social" crossings departing before 6am, and compares with a current day return of £75. After 6am the lowest day return is £59.

In addition a new standard "economy" return of £129 — previously £266 — will apply for departures between 6am and 10pm from June 1 until August 31.

For crossings between 10pm and 6am the economy fare is £109 and for Apex tickets bought up to 14 days in advance a return ticket is £99. There is also a "mini-break" five-day return for £59 at night and £69 during the day, which was £147 previously.

This summer's competition on the cross-Channel route is likely to be the most intensive yet in an increasingly desperate struggle for survival.

A spokeswoman for P&O European Ferries, Eurotunnel's main rival, dismissed the company's summer offensive as "nothing to get excited about, nothing new".

She said P&O had already pledged to match any brochure prices offered by competitors and is already offering day-trip prices of £15 per car plus £1 per passenger until the end of June. The day-trip price from July 1 until the end of the year goes up to £19 per car plus £4 per passenger.

Stena, the second biggest ferry operator on the Dover to Calais route has said it will match rivals' promotional as well as brochure prices.

☐ Eurotunnel is offering some of the cheapest duty-free shopping in Europe to try to entice customers away from cross-channel ferries. The company, which cut prices on all its duty-free products by up to one third last September, pledged yesterday to maintain current pricing levels until the end of duty-free shopping in Europe, scheduled for 1999.

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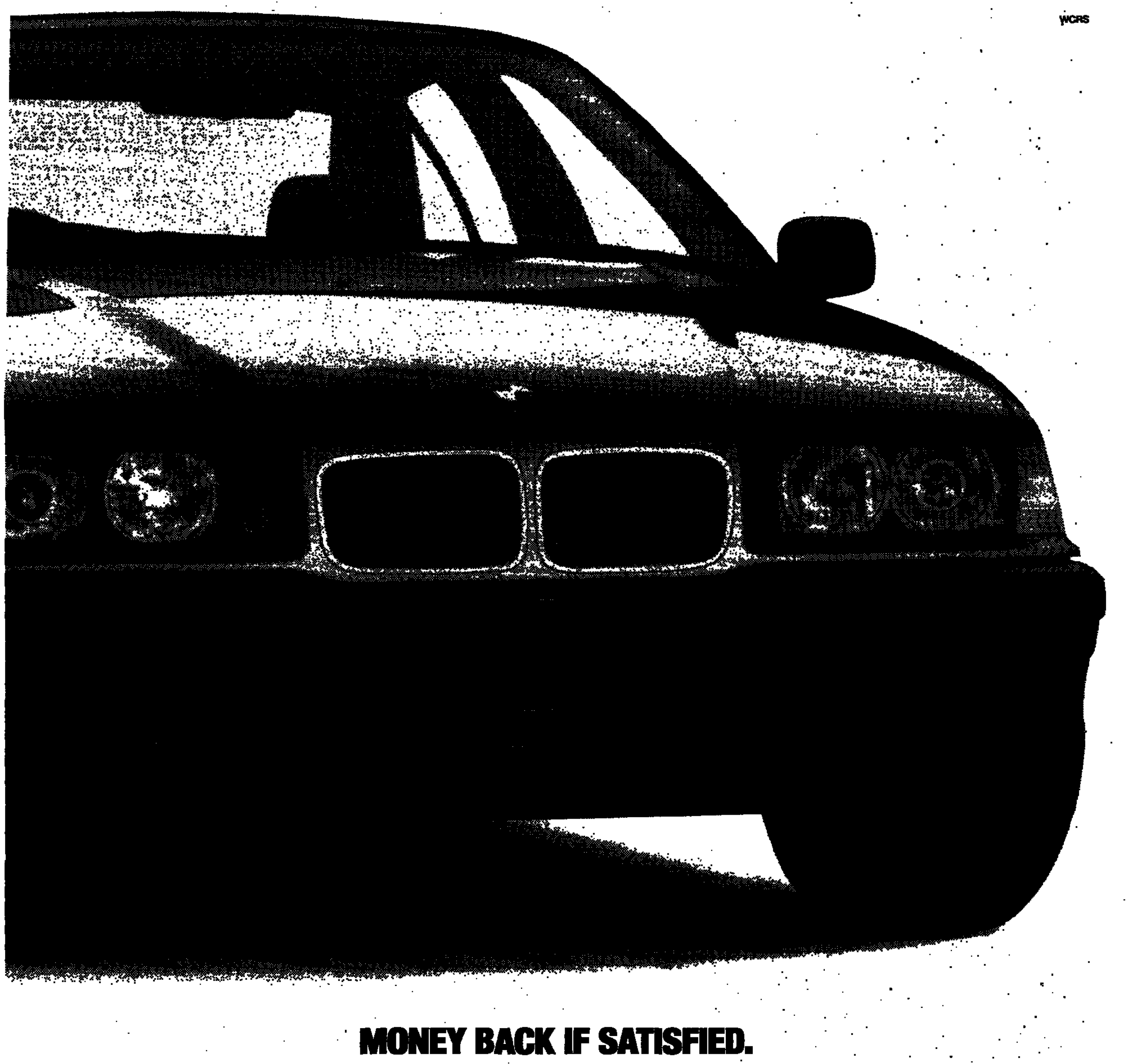

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# Defeated Blessed attacks 'selfish' Everest climbers

By Michael Horsnell

Blessed on his third trip to the "mountain of death"

THE actor Brian Blessed yesterday criticised climbers who had turned Everest into a "mountain of death" through their selfish pursuit of the summit.

The Shakespearean actor, who has just returned from his third attempt on the mountain, aimed much of his anger at a Japanese team who, he said, had left three Indians to die without even offering water as they overtook them amid ruthless rivalry. Blessed, 59, was speaking in London after abandoning his climb at 25,000ft during a season in which the mountain has claimed the lives of 11 climbers so far. He said Everest "stank of death", with climbers suffering from mountain fever and "running around everywhere like headless chickens desperate to reach the summit first".

The Japanese climbers Hiroshi Hanada and Eisuke Shigekawa beat an expedition led by Mohinder Singh of the Indian Tibetan Border Police to become the first to reach the 8,848 metre (29,028ft) summit this season from the north side. At first they said they had been too tired to help the Indians and that above 8,000 metres was "not a place where people could afford morality". But later the Japanese released a statement claiming that one of their Sherpas had helped an Indian.

Blessed said: "The Japanese had been told not to help. When they got down, the bastards had a party. I went into their tent and took their flag down and pissed on it."

He said that he had desperately tried to dissuade an Austrian mountaineer from continuing a climb that claimed his life.

"This man had no idea how dangerous Everest was," he said. "I said to him, 'You stink of death, you are obsessed with death.' I said that in two days he would be a block of ice and in two days he was a block of ice. I told his family he had died bravely. I lied to them."

Blessed took up climbing at the age of 27 and attempted Everest in 1990, dressed in 1920s clothing for a BBC documentary, and in 1993. He said yesterday: "I found that 60 per cent of the people on the mountain hadn't a clue what they were doing. Most of them turned up with one tent and without oxygen.

"I was horrified that such a high mountain experienced the lowest common denominator in human behaviour, they were like lemmings. I found people taking food from my tent and almost every day I found myself slapping people across the face and shouting at them." Blessed, who made his name in the television series *Z Cars*, was accompanied by an ITN film crew for a Channel 4 *Encounters* programme to be shown later this year. Two of the film crew, Matt Dickinson and Alan Hinkes, did reach the summit.

Blessed lost more than three stone in weight and suffered mild frostbite in his throat and fingers during the eight-week expedition on the north ridge approach in Tibet.

"I turned back with a civilised whimper," the actor said. "I wasn't disappointed as I thought we were doing the right thing. You remember your wife and children and realise that they are more important to you than any bloody mountain."

He forecast an ignominious end to the romance of climbing the world's highest peak, predicting that in 15 years tourists would pay £50,000 to be taken up on a funicular in pressurised suits.

PETER NICHOLLS

Brian Blessed reunited with his wife Hildegard yesterday after his aborted ascent

# Cash for mother denied job share

A WOMAN has won £35,000 because her employers refused to let her return to work part-time after the birth of her second child.

Sarah Rolls, 35, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, resigned from IPC Magazines when the company would not let her set up a job-share. Ms Rolls's claim was settled on the first day of an industrial tribunal when IPC agreed to pay £35,000 in an out-of-court settlement and develop an equal opportunities policy.

Ms Rolls said she had not taken the action for the money. "It's been the principle; I would have preferred my career." Ms Rolls took maternity leave for her first child and returned to work full-time, but after maternity leave for her second child decided she could not combine working full-time with her role as a mother of two.

Jack Low, head of communications at IPC, said: "IPC Magazines already has an equal opportunities policy as a result of discussions with the Equal Opportunities Commission over the past three years."

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# Tomorrow's father can be a man or a mouse

By Nigel Hawkes

MICE could be used as surrogate fathers, carrying the sperm of endangered animals or even humans, American scientists have shown.

Dr Ralph Brinster and colleagues from the University of Pennsylvania found that spermatagonia — stem cells which produce sperm in the testes — can be preserved indefinitely by freezing. More extraordinary, they showed that cells from one species, the rat, could be introduced into the testes of mice, which then produced rat sperm.

The same technique could be used for human sperm, although this has yet to be demonstrated, say reports in *Nature* and *Nature Medicine*.

Frozen stem cells could restore the fertility of cancer patients damaged by chemotherapy. The use of mammals as surrogate sperm producers might help in cases where men have stem cells but, as a result of an accident or genetic problems, cannot produce sperm. The sperm would then be used for in-vitro fertilisation.

# Miniature reserve helps save rare snail

By Nick Nuttall

THE world's smallest nature reserve has been set up by British scientists to save the world's rarest snails.

During the past few weeks three species of tree snails have been sent to their native island of Moorea, near Tahiti. They have been extinct in the wild for more than a decade. Their new home is 20 square metres of rainforest enclosed by an electric fence surrounded by a moat filled with salt, to keep out a predatory snail.

Nearly 250 Partula snails, akin to Darwin's finches in importance as they enable scientists to see how evolution works, have been brought in from the University of Nottingham and Bristol, London, Chester, Edinburgh, Jersey and Detroit zoos, where they have been bred. Others are from Martin Mere, Lancashire, part of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.

Dave Clarke, head keeper of London Zoo's invertebrate conservation centre, said: "One of the species was down to just four individuals. But we have a thousand now."

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## 'I heard a noise and saw a dark figure at the door. Something terrible was happening'

# Witness recalls moment Hamilton opened fire

REPORTS BY
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TWO women who were wounded in the Dunblane school massacre told the official inquiry yesterday how Thomas Hamilton walked into a PE lesson at the primary school and, without saying a word, opened fire.

Mary Blake, 51, a supervisory assistant, said that she and a part-time PE teacher, Eileen Harrild, tried to hide children underneath gym mats. She added: "I can remember the children screaming. It was so loud that the screams seemed to be inside my head."

Victim and gunman: Mary Blake was hit by four of the 105 bullets fired by Thomas Hamilton

In a statement read on the first day of the inquiry, Mrs Blake — who was shot four times — said she had been standing near the gymnasium door as she watched the Primary One class warm up: "Mrs Harrild told the children to run around the gym to warm up. I was keeping an eye on a child I was looking after. Mrs [Gwenne] Mayor was sitting nearer the door. My impression was that Mrs Harrild called the children over and was talking to them."

She then described the moment she first realised something might be wrong: "I was standing up and I heard a noise. It may have been a door opening. I remember I looked toward the door. I saw a dark figure at the door. I think Mrs Mayor was standing when he came in, then I think she was on the floor. The children were screaming. The dark figure was just inside the door. He was wearing dark clothing and he had some sort of headgear on."

Mrs Blake, a supervisory assistant for nine years, was then hit by the first of four bullets to strike her. She fell to the ground, but could still see the figure of a man standing shooting.

"I realised something terrible was happening. I fell to the ground and I could hear constant shooting. I have a memory of him having both his hands up but I do not know if he had a gun in both hands. He was pointing the gun all around and shooting constantly.

"The children were running around hysterically and some were on the ground. I can't recall seeing any injuries specifically but I can recall blood splattering everywhere." She and Mrs Harrild guided four or five children over to a store area on the side furthest from the gym door, Mrs Harrild clutching her arm and lying behind some gym mats.

"I was in pain from my head and my legs. I thought this was the end. I thought if he came round the corner we would all be dead. One of the children kept saying 'What a bad man'. They all kept saying they were sore.

"One boy had a hole in his arm and was holding it. Another girl was injured but I can't recall where. I remember seeing other injuries but I can't remember who they were. One had a wound in his or her leg above the knee.

"I was trying to keep the children quiet. I was shushing them. The shooting seemed to go on for ages. I could hear the children screaming and the noise seemed to be in my head. I could feel the blood coming down my neck and I had a great deal of pain in both legs. I was lying in a big puddle of blood. I kept thinking he was going to come and get us and I tried to pull one of the mats over us, but I was in too much pain and I couldn't.

"The kids were crouching down and I was trying to cover them. The shooting stopped for a short time and the children were wailing and I heard a buzzing sound in my head. Then the shooting started again for a few seconds and then stopped again. I don't know how many shots there were but there weren't a lot more.

"I felt so helpless as I couldn't do anything for the children as I couldn't move."

She could not remember how long the shooting lasted, but recalled feeling cold and then other staff beginning to arrive. Among them was nursery teacher Linda Stewart. "She was in a terrible state. She was saying 'What can I do?' But there was nothing she could do."

Eileen Harrild yesterday. She said that the children were "amazingly calm"

Eileen Harrild, 43, who gave evidence in person, told how she had laid out the gymnasium equipment and described where the class had been standing when Hamilton came in. One class had just left and Mrs Mayor's had arrived two minutes later than usual, she said. The class arrived a couple of minutes after 9.30am. "They didn't come in immediately but lined up outside. I spoke to them first and told them what we were going to be doing that morning. I just wanted to calm them down," Mrs Harrild said.

When she arrived she spoke briefly to Mrs Mayor, who explained she was going to be away for a couple of hours later that morning. When Hamilton came in, 27 out of the 28 pupils were standing in the centre of the floor. One boy, whom she did not name, was standing with the three adults by the door. He had just taken off his glasses and put them on Mrs Mayor's diary for safe-keeping.

Mrs Harrild became aware that someone had come into the gym. At first, she did not think anything was wrong as people often came into the gym seeking directions. Then she saw the man's earmuffs, woolly hat and the gun in his hand. "I was very close to him. I was about to ask him what he wanted. I looked and saw the gun and he started shooting. Immediately, I put both my arms up to protect myself and he started to shoot indiscriminately and very quickly."

She was shot in the arms and chest, and "could not quite comprehend what was happening". As she fled to the storage area, Hamilton turned his attention to the children and began firing "continuously and rapidly". She got to the store area and was aware that she was being followed by some children and by Mrs Blake.

"I was also aware by the time they had arrived there, they had also been shot," she said. She remained in the store area for the rest of the shooting. "I am fairly certain it lasted between three and four minutes," Mrs Harrild said. "I was very aware of what was going on. While we were there, we were trying to do our best to try to keep the children quiet, to protect ourselves, but we were unable to move any of the equipment because we were so badly injured ourselves," she told the inquiry in a calm voice. "I was aware of him moving around the gym."

She said the children were "amazingly calm" and "very, very good". She added: "We just put our fingers to our lips and they were very quiet. They didn't want him to come back into that area."

Mrs Harrild told the inquiry: "There was a period of time when everything seemed to be very quiet. It seemed to last a long time, then staff appeared into the gymnasium."

Other staff arrived, quickly followed by doctors. Mrs Harrild was taken to Stirling Royal Infirmary and treated for her injuries.

# Parents of victims ask media to respect privacy

ONE of Scotland's most senior judges said yesterday that the eight-week inquiry into the killings at Dunblane Primary School would be conducted "as sensitively as possible" to spare the victims' families any further suffering.

The families of the 16 dead children, one dead teacher and 12 injured children met Lord Cullen and Lord Mackay, Scotland's Lord Advocate, last Thursday to discuss their fears abouf the impact of harrowing evidence which emerged yesterday.

Lord Cullen, who conducted the Piper Alpha investigation and who has four children of his own, told the families that he would instruct witnesses to spare the inquiry detailed medical evidence, but said some distressing evidence would need to be heard.

Around 60 members of the victims' families and their counsellors sat in the gallery of the Albert Halls in Stirling yesterday to hear for the first time in public how their children died. They have asked "that at such a difficult and stressful time" they are not approached, photographed or sketched by the media, a request with which *The Times* will comply.

Lord Mackay asked the media to refrain from giving details of any individual victims, before reading a list of the dead and injured. Those who died were: Victoria Clydesdale, Emma Crozier, Melissa Currie, Charlotte Dunn, Kevin Hasell, Ross Irvine, David Kerr, Mhairi McBeath, Brett McKinnon, Abigail McLennan, Emily Morton, Sophie North, John Petrie, Joanna Ross, Hannah Scott, Megan Turner and their teacher Gwenne Mayor.

The injured were: Amie Adam, Coll Austin, Matthew Birnie, Robbie Hurst, Amy Hutchison, Ryan Liddell, Mark Mullan, Andrew O'Donnell, Victoria Porteous, Robert Purves, Benjamin Vallance, Stewart Weir and the teachers Mary Blake and Eileen Harrild.

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## The killer had four handguns and 743 rounds. He fired 104 shots before shooting himself

# Families listen as expert retraces gunman's steps

REPORTS BY STEPHEN FARRELL AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THOMAS HAMILTON fired 105 bullets around the Dunblane gymnasium, including dumdum-type rounds designed to inflict maximum injury, a ballistics expert told the inquiry.

When he walked into the school Hamilton was carrying 743 rounds and four handguns — two 9mm Browning pistols and two .357 Smith and Wesson revolvers. He used just one of the Brownings to shoot his victims. He then put a Smith and Wesson into his mouth and fired one bullet through the top of his head.

Eileen Harrild, a teacher who was injured, and relatives of the victims craned forward in the public gallery at Stirling's Albert Halls yesterday to hear Malcolm Chisholm's soft voice as he methodically went through the forensic evidence, following Hamilton's deadly progress.

Mr Chisholm said the gymnasium floor was "strewn" with spent cartridges when he arrived at 11.30am, two hours after the massacre. There was silence in the hall as a picture appeared on television monitors showing the scene that greeted him. Hamilton, dressed entirely in black, was sprawled on his back beside a wall.

Mr Chisholm said Hamilton had fired his first shot outside the gymnasium, apparently accidentally as he cocked the Browning in a passageway. He then burst through the gym door and fired 29 rounds around the room, emptying one magazine and loading a fresh one.

He walked up the lefthand side of the gym, stopping to fire six shots across the width of the room, then another eight further along. When he reached the top of the gym he fired 30 rounds from two more magazines back in the direction he had come.

He then fired once through a window by the fire exit, pushed open the door and fired four shots into a cloakroom and nine shots into a neighbouring classroom.

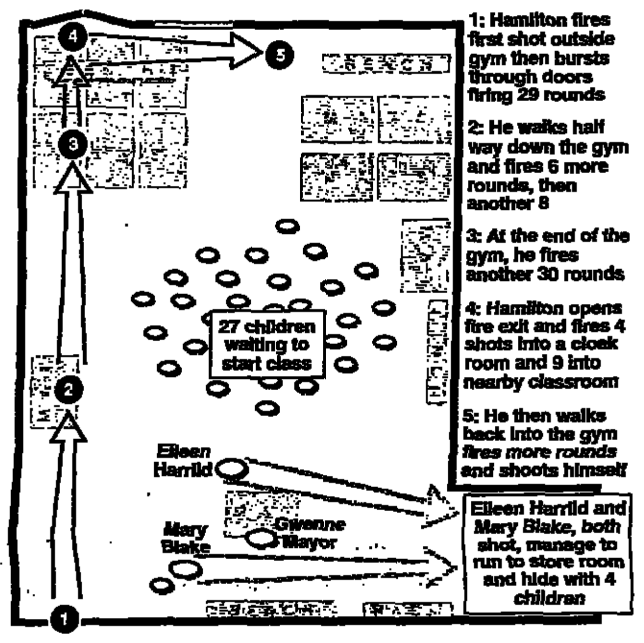
Hamilton, who was carrying the handguns in holsters and the ammunition in pouches slung from two shoulder straps, re-entered the gym and sprayed the rest of the shots indiscriminately around the interior. "He then switched the pistol from his right hand into his left hand and drew the Smith and Wesson revolver with his right hand. He then placed the muzzle of this gun in his mouth, pointing upward, and pulled the trigger," Mr Chisholm said.

Professor Anthony Busuttil, 50, Regius Professor at Edinburgh University, who carried out a post-mortem examination on Hamilton, said that he had died instantly. Tests showed no traces of drugs or alcohol and there were no abnormalities in Hamilton's health.

The killer's body was found lying near the fire exit. The Smith and Wesson was still in his hand. Beside him were three loaded guns, his spectacles and woolly hat. Near the gym door was a camera bag which police feared might have been a booby trap. The building was evacuated until bomb disposal experts gave the all-clear.

Hamilton's Browning was a customised self-loading weapon with an extended barrel, popular for target shooting and with the military, Mr Chisholm said. The firing mechanism had been ground down to make it sensitive to the slightest touch on the trigger. Tests showed that the pistol could fire a full magazine of 20 shots in 5.46 seconds and it would take 50.4 seconds to load and fire 105 shots.

Hamilton had loaded a mixture of round-nosed, flat-nosed and hollowpoint 9mm bullets for the Brownings. Hollowpoint rounds, Mr Chisholm said, were designed to expand on impact and cause the maximum amount of damage, similar to dumdum bullets which had been banned by the Geneva Convention. Asked why the hollowpoint bullet had not been banned, he said: "I can't understand it. It is in general use in America. Most of the police forces in America use it."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5: He then walks back into the gym fires more rounds and shoots himself
27 children waiting to start class
Eileen Harrild
Mary Blake
Gwenne Mayor
Eileen Harrild and Mary Blake, both shot, manage to run to store room and hide with 4 children
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Gwenne Mayor, the teacher who died, and the children Thomas Hamilton opened fire on when he walked into Dunblane Primary School. A new security system will ensure that all doors are locked during school hours and visitors will be vetted by reception staff via an intercom

# Overloaded phone network caused confusion for police

CONFUSION reigned for hours after the massacre as emergency workers struggled to identify the dead and wounded, the police officer in charge said.

Detectives at the school could not contact the outside world because the school telephone line was jammed by calls from parents and media, the mobile phone network was overloaded and police radios were deemed insecure.

Detective Chief Superintendent John Ogg, the officer in charge of the inquiry, admitted that Central Scotland Police had never simulated a mass shooting in training sessions. Police were called at 9.41am and officers were on the scene at 9.50. He arrived at 10.05am. The first priority, he said, had been to set up a cordon and ferry the injured to hospital. The last was removed at 11am. But identifying the dead was made harder by the death of Gwenne Mayor and because the class register had not been completed.

Problems also arose from his decision not to take the names of injured children as they were loaded into ambulances, he said. That meant police needed to talk to the hospital, but had "tremendous difficulty" because of the phone problems.

Jack Beattie, a consultant paediatrician at Stirling Royal Infirmary, said the hospital's accident and emergency department was alerted to the shootings at 9.48am. Within minutes the possibility of multiple child casualties was known.

Dr Beattie said he reached the school at 10.15am. The first task was to evaluate casualties and those who were still alive before putting patients in order of priority.

# Teacher saved pupils shot at in classroom

A TEACHER saved her pupils from being shot after she saw Thomas Hamilton through the window and told them to lie on the floor.

Hamilton fired nine shots into a hut where the pupils were lying. "This was very fortunate as one of the bullets went through the back of a chair. Four exited from windows on the other side of the class," the inquiry was told.

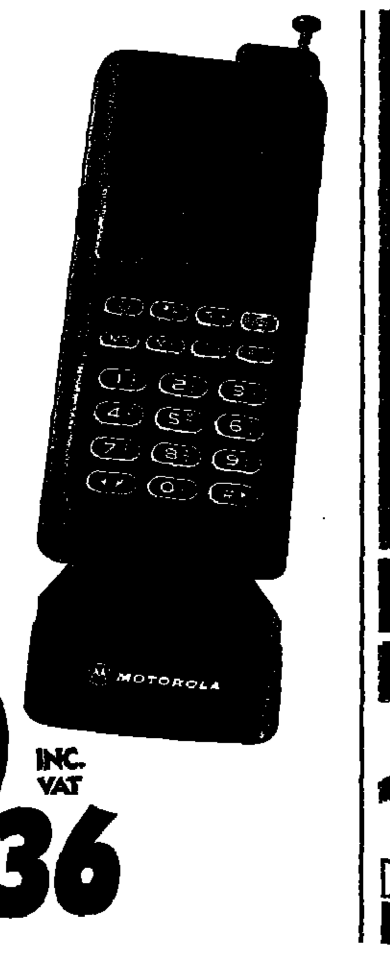
One pupil walked up the side of the gym as Hamilton was shooting. Hamilton fired at him, but missed. The child was injured by broken glass.

☐ Hamilton tried to cut the telephone line to the school before the massacre. George Anderson, 32, a BT engineer, was called to the area the next day after a number of residents complained of a fault.

He told the court he did a number of tests before spotting a wire which had been cut at the bottom of the telephone pole outside the school. He immediately contacted the police.

Audrey McMillan said in a statement she saw Hamilton take tools from a white van parked close to the telegraph pole on the morning of the massacre, before he entered the school.

The inquiry continues.



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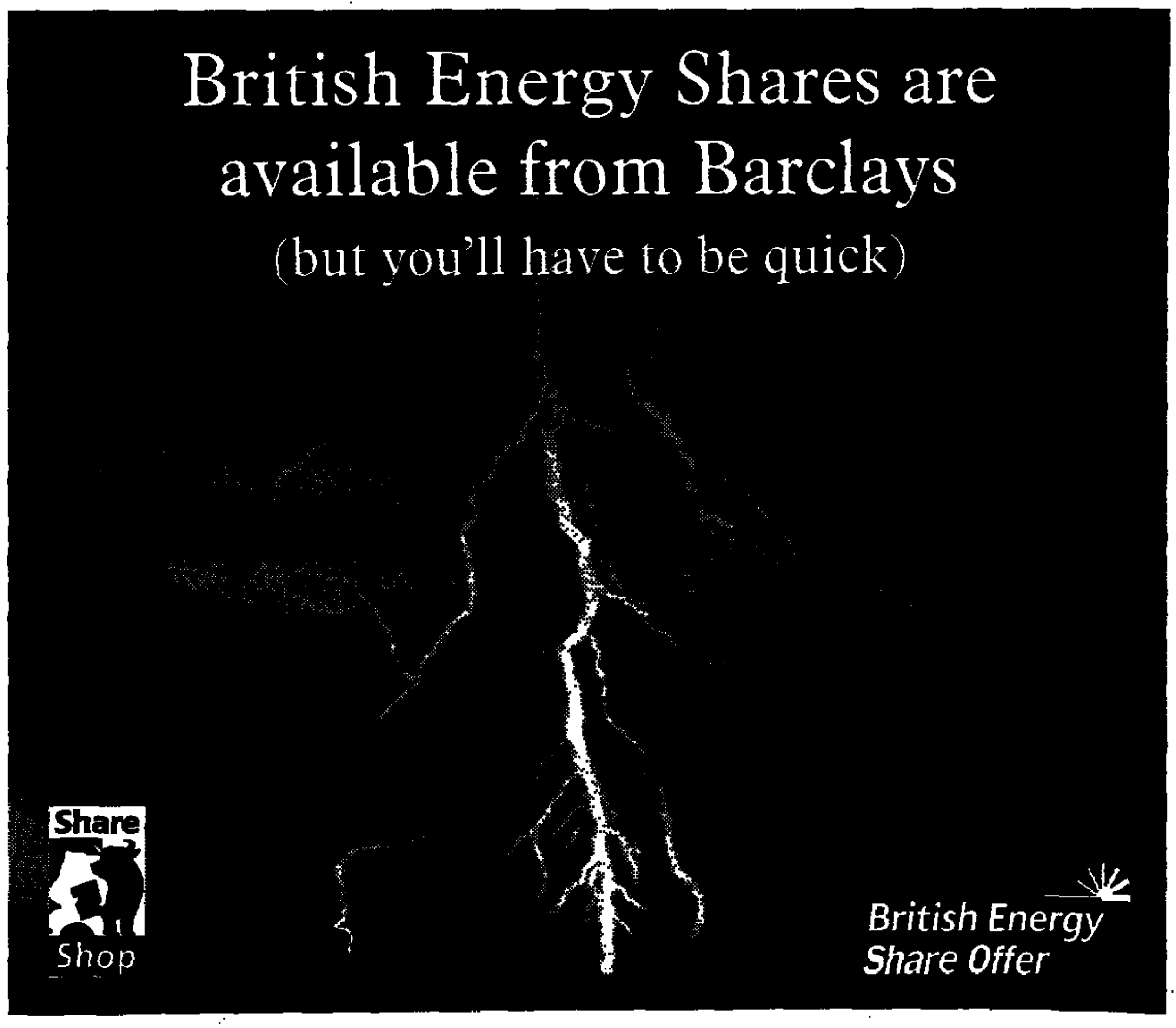

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# Martin Bell helps Bosnian translator to finish education

By Paul Wilkinson

Bell: impressed by Miss Stanojevic's courage

MARTIN BELL, the BBC's war correspondent in the former Yugoslavia, is helping a victim of the conflict to complete her education in Britain.

He has joined forces with Brigadier Richard Dannatt, a former commander of British troops in the country, to sponsor one of the Army's Bosnian interpreters at a British university. They are raising funds to pay for Sanya Stanojevic, 29, to take an MA in international relations at Durham University, starting next September.

The civil war cut short Miss Stanojevic's promising career as a language tutor and court and TV interpreter. Her flat in Sarajevo was destroyed and her parents' home in the city damaged by machinegun fire. Miss Stanojevic, a graduate in English language and literature from Sarajevo University, has a Serb father and Croat mother and was brought up in the city's Muslim quarter. In 1994 she found a job as an interpreter with a British battalion of the UN, and within four weeks was seconded to the sector commander for high-level talks with leaders of the warring parties. There, her dedication and bravery in dangerous conditions impressed everyone with whom she came into contact.

Brigadier Andrew Ridgway, one of the British commanders she worked with, said: "She worked extraordinarily long hours without complaint. She is also extremely brave. She refused to be left behind during negotiations to release detained UK liaison officers. She was never intimidated by aggressive various warring factions and always remained cool and professional."

Mr Bell said yesterday: "She is a wonderful person who did brilliant work for the British during the fighting. She has known nothing but war for the past three years. We hope the chance to study somewhere peaceful is some recompense for all the service she has done not only the UN and Nato, but her country as well."

Sanya Stanojevic in Bosnia with Brigadier Richard Dannant, who suggested she be brought to Britain

Mr Bell, who has now swapped his Bosnia flak-jacket for an assignment in Kashmir, has contributed part of the royalties from his book, *In Harm's Way*, towards Miss Stanojevic's costs. He said: "I knew Sanya for two years in Gornji Vakuf and was impressed by her many qualities, especially her loyalty to those she worked for, her competence and her courage. It is obvious that she cares deeply for the future of her country and wishes to be part of it.

"It took Brigadier Dannatt to recognise her potential and that we should do something for her. We have to invest in the future. One can only hope it will be good. With Sanya things are going to happen."

Brigadier Dannatt, commander of the UN's southwestern sector in Bosnia until his return last month to the 4th Armoured Brigade in Germany, said Miss Stanojevic was about £10,000 short of the money she needed for the course. He was contacting people and groups who knew her during the war to ask for help. "Her experiences during the war have given her a fascinating perspective on the Balkans," he said. "She wishes to develop a career now that the war is apparently over and my predecessors and I want to help her." Miss Stanojevic, who also speaks French and Italian, said: "It is marvellous because these are studies I would have undertaken before the war. It is an opportunity to do something of practical use to my country. To achieve it is a dream come true."

# Student who sold OJ speech fined

By Joanna Bale

AN OXFORD University student has been suspended from the Oxford Union after selling transcripts and recordings of O.J. Simpson's speech in its historic debating chamber.

Chris Philp, a second-year physics student at University College, was suspended for a term and fined £50, the maximum allowed under the union's rules. The union's standing committee found on Friday that he had sold a written transcript of the speech and the question-and-answer session to the press.

He was also found to have smuggled a tape recorder into the chamber and sold an audio-cassette to television stations. The union said that Mr Philp was believed to have made £1,600 from various media deals. Mr Philp, a former committee member of the union and features editor of the student magazine *Cherwell*, admitted both offences.

Paul Kenward, president of the union, said: "This shows that the union is not prepared to allow people to record meetings when they are told it is against the rules." He added that the union had assured Mr Simpson that there would be no broadcast media at the debate. The union is also in dispute with Live TV, which, it claims, recorded the debate using a secret camera.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Cat trapped for 45 days escapes a curious fate

A four-year-old cat has been found after being trapped for 45 days under floorboards at a house being renovated near his home. Bruno, who weighed over a stone when curiosity got the better of him, "was just like a sack of bones with a head", said his owner, Aubrey Pitts, 48, of Teignmouth, Devon.

The black and white cat, who suffered temporary blindness, was put on a drip feed at a veterinary centre in Torquay until yesterday. "He is now eating and quite bright," Mr Pitts, a taxi proprietor, said. "The prognosis is hopeful."

### Murder trial date

A man charged with murdering Vikki Thompson, who was bludgeoned while walking her dog last August, is to stand trial in November. Mark Weston, 21, of Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, a near neighbour of Mrs Thompson, denied the charge when he appeared at Oxford Crown Court.

### Propeller death

An aircraft passenger who walked into a propeller after an emergency landing has died in hospital. Graham Marples, 44, from London, was hurt after the plane came down in a field near Basingstoke en route from Holland. The pilot, Graham Jones, 35, of Sydenham, southeast London, faces a drugs charge.

### North Sea patrol

Greenpeace activists on board the *Sirius* are scouring the North Sea for fishermen, mainly Danish, who they say are "hoovering" sand eels — tiny fish at the hub of the food chain. Greenpeace says such industrial fishing is damaging sensitive areas and threatening seabirds and predatory fish.

### Ghost channel

The National Trust has set up a closed-circuit television system so that visitors at the Treasurer's House in York can keep watch on a tiny cellar where the ghosts of Roman soldiers are alleged to have been sighted. The cellar is too cramped to be open to the public.

### Long overdue

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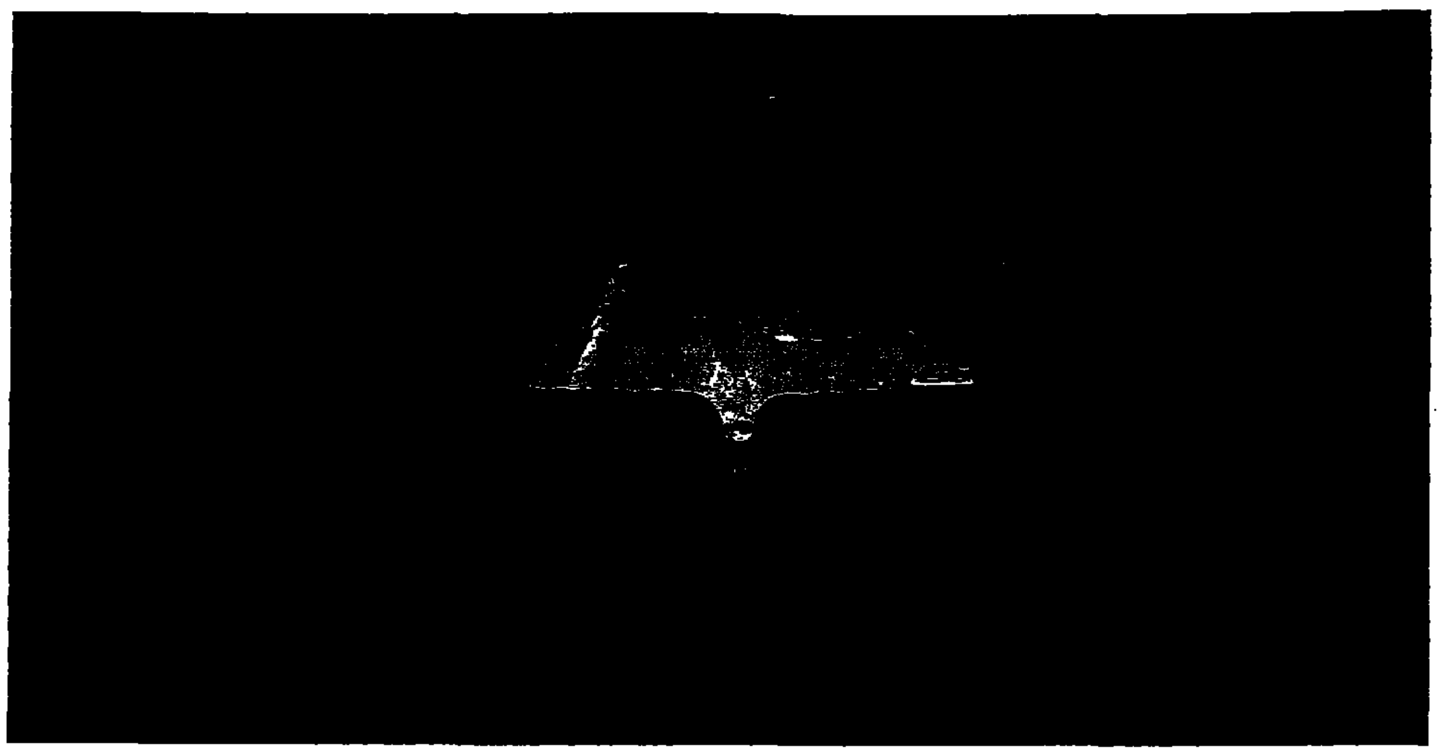

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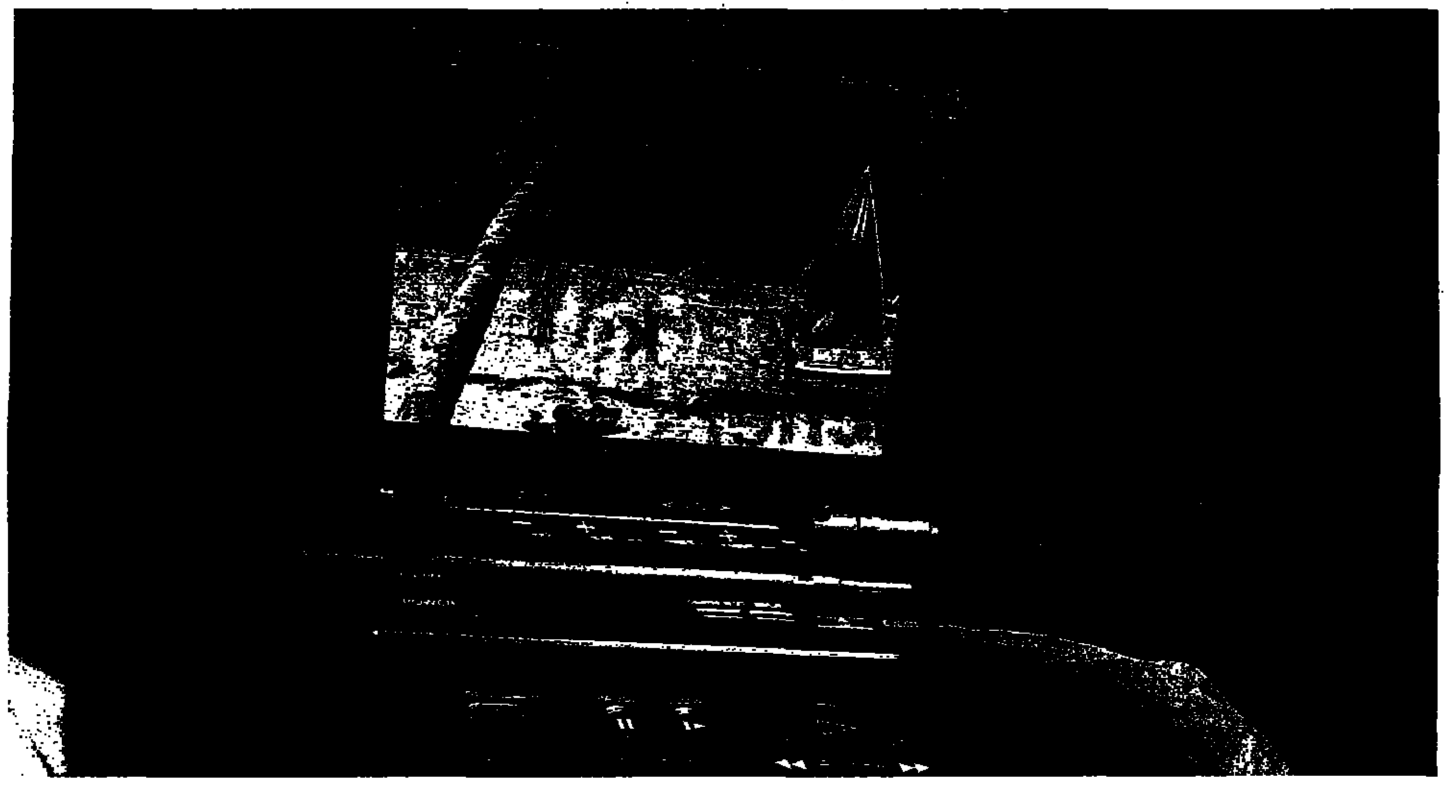

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## Turnout of less than 50 per cent could lead to renewed nationalist criticism of Government's decision

# Poll for peace has failed to excite Ulster voters

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

VOTERS go to the polls in Northern Ireland today amid fears that the historic election to all-party talks will attract a low turn-out.

As Unionist and nationalist politicians criss-crossed the Province yesterday in a final round of canvassing, a leading political observer said the election had failed to excite voters. Dr Sydney Elliott, a psephologist at Queen's University, Belfast, said a turn-out of less than 50 per cent would raise question marks over the Government's controversial decision to hold the election.

"Anything less than a 50 per cent turn-out would show that the electorate were not convinced about the electoral route to talks," Dr Elliott said. He said voters appeared to be confused by the complex nature of the election, which is designed to provide negotiators for all-party talks.

A low turnout would lead to renewed criticism of the Government from nationalists who vehemently opposed the election. The SDLP and Sinn Fein said John Major's decision to hold the election was designed to appease Unionists and to stall the start of negotiations. However, successful results for the SDLP and Sinn Fein might dampen their criticisms.

Sinn Fein is widely expected to achieve its normal poll of about 10 per cent, in spite of the refusal of the IRA to restore its ceasefire. The party has a hard core of support throughout Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein's efficient electoral machinery will ensure that its supporters make it to the poll.

There has been speculation that John Hume's SDLP could challenge one of the main Unionist parties to top the poll. In the 1994 European election Mr Hume won 28.9 per cent compared with the Rev Ian Paisley's 29.2 per cent.

A victory for Mr Hume would provide an enormous boost to the SDLP. Such a result would owe more to divisions among Unionists than any sea change in favour of nationalists. Ten Unionist parties are standing, which led David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, to say that a "shredding" of their vote could weaken the position of Unionists.

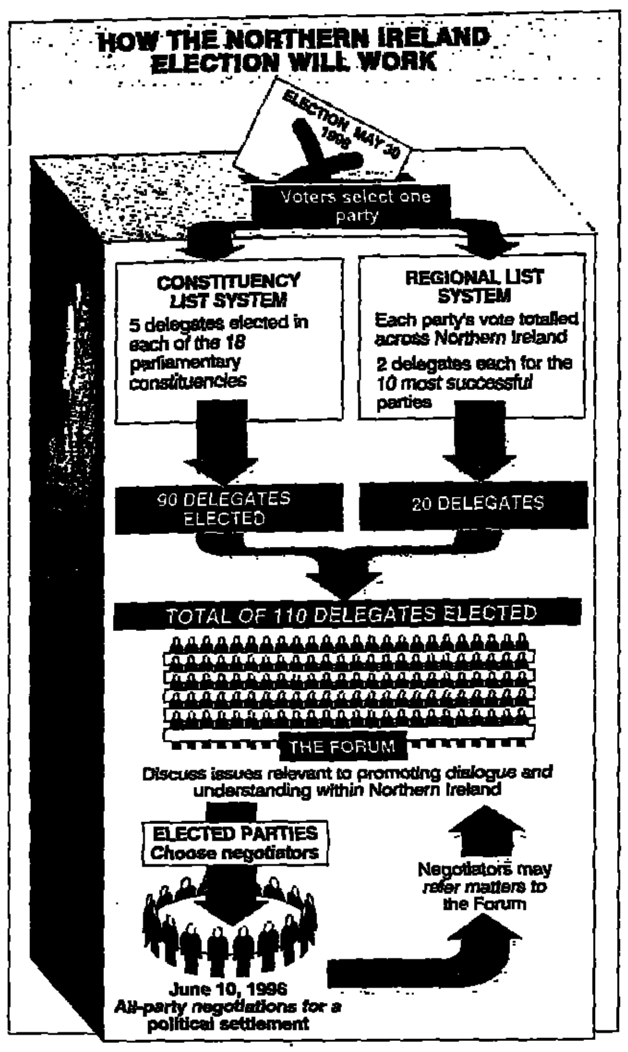
Mr Trimble's performance will provide the first major test of his leadership since he succeeded Sir James Molyneaux last September. There have been criticisms of Mr Trimble for running a lacklustre campaign and Mr Paisley has attacked leading Ulster Unionists for accepting the IRA ceasefire in 1994.

Mr Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, is hoping to do well because he always tops the European election, which is the only other poll held on an all-Northern Ireland basis. Mr Trimble will hope that he is saved by the unique form of today's election, which combines the constituency system with a list system.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, will invite the forum to name three negotiators and three advisers to attend all-party talks on June 10. Sinn Fein will not be invited unless the IRA restores its ceasefire.

The Northern Ireland Office has spent £100,000 promoting the election with the slogan: "Your voice, your choice, your future". Ministers opted for the election as the only hope of winning widespread support for all-party talks after the IRA made clear that it would not disarm ahead of a political settlement.

Before the ceasefire collapsed Mr Trimble said he would talk to Sinn Fein if it stood in the election. If the IRA restores its ceasefire before the talks, the Ulster Unionists will insist on cast-iron guarantees that it will disarm before the party would contemplate talking to republicans.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All-party negotiations for a political settlement

The Women's Coalition hopes to win at least two seats at the forum to ensure women's voices will be heard

# Women cross the religious divide to defy tradition

By Nicholas Watt

A GRASSROOTS alliance of women drawn from both sides of the religious divide is challenging the traditional parties in today's election.

University lecturers, community workers and housewives — all political novices — are fighting under the banner of the Women's Coalition. They have been showering the Province with leaflets railing against the failure of the main parties to promote women and to move beyond nationalism and Unionism.

Flourishing their slogan "Wave goodbye to dinosaurs", the coalition is fielding 70 candidates in every constituency. They hope to win at least two seats at the forum to ensure that women's voices will be heard at the all-party talks. The main parties are fielding only a handful of women candidates, which is in line with the gross under-representation of women in Ulster politics.

The Coalition has inevitably attracted comparisons with the Peace People who won widespread support in the 1970s for their campaigns against violence. Monica McWilliams, founder of the coalition, plays down the comparisons and says the coalition has a broader and more political appeal. But she will be aware that fringe groups, such as the Peace People, never manage to dent the support of traditional parties.

Canvassers for the Women's Coalition, who are mainly political novices, have been receiving a friendly reception on the stump from men and women. One man in East Belfast shouted "About time too" as a group of women handed out leaflets from a car bedecked with colourful coalition posters.

Old habits die hard and one elderly man turned to a canvasser and said: "You're not that women's lib lot, are you?" Pearl Sagar, who has become an accomplished performer on the stump at her first try, shot back: "That arrived ages ago. Didn't your wife tell you about that?"

Mrs Sagar, 37, a community worker in East Belfast, hopes that the Coalition can provide a model for resolving Northern Ireland's differences. As she campaigned with her two daughters she said: "We have Protestants and Catholics and women from different social backgrounds. We believe that everybody should be entitled to their views. We should not seek to change them but we should learn to live together."

The Women's Coalition has attracted considerable publicity in the run up to the election, not least because they have enlisted the support of Jane Morrice, head of the European Commission office in Belfast. Mrs Sagar puts their success down to a growing frustration in both communities at the failure of the main parties to move beyond their traditional agendas. She said: "A lot of people feel let down by politicians who will not move out of their Orange and Green trenches."

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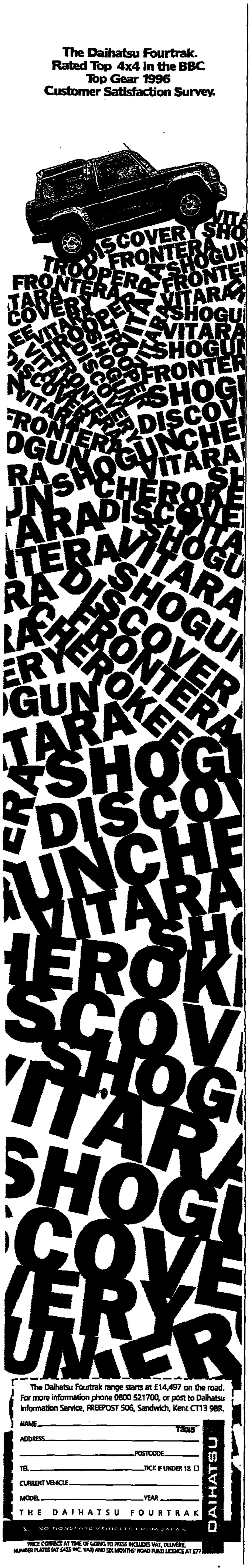
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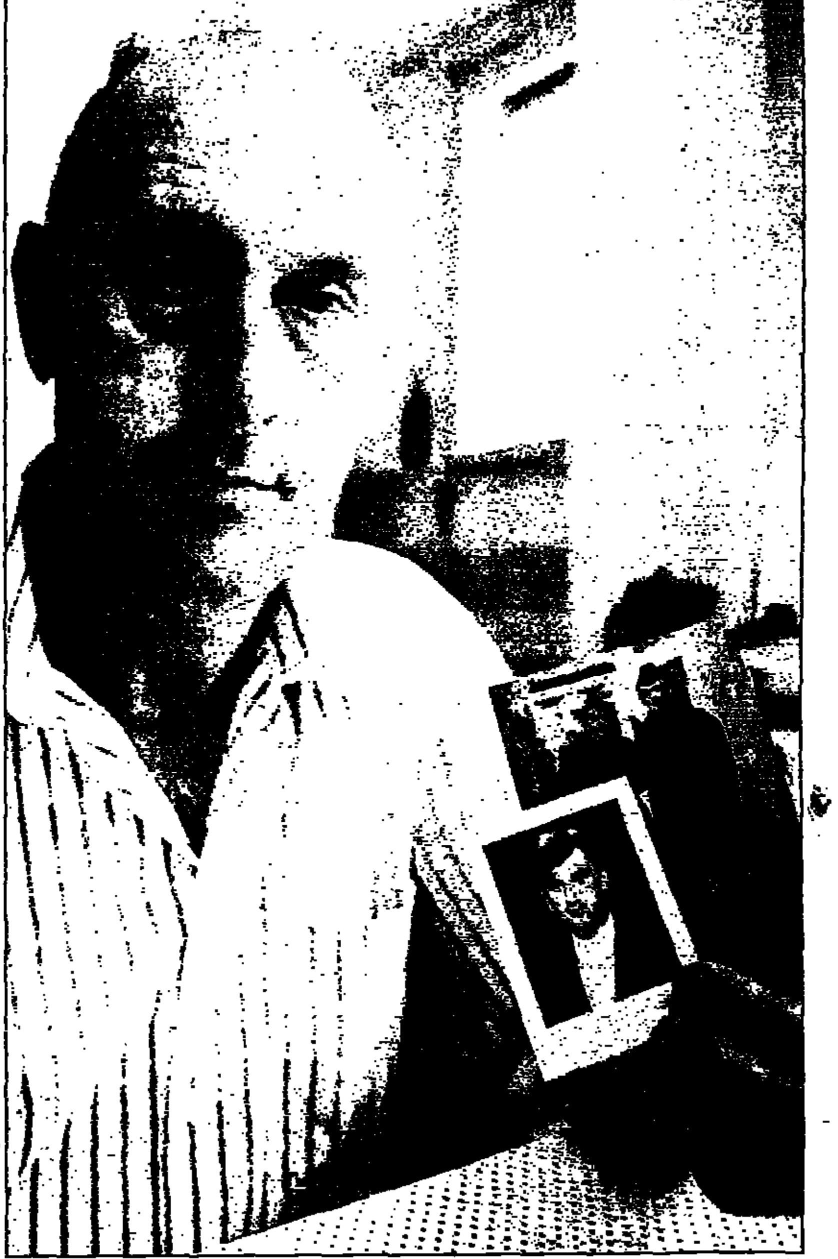
# War crime victims cry for justice

ANTHONY LLOYD

What made it a crime unlike so many was that it was well documented. **Anthony Loyd** in Novi Travnik revisits the scene of an unforgivable act



*Suad Mujak, left, with a family photo including Nedzad, his murdered brother, and Pasa Muslimovic with a picture of his son Mevludin*

THERE is little allusion to the horror of the three soldiers' deaths in the Bosnian Army records. "Captured then killed", the reports state with stark simplicity in concluding the men's fate.

The words are a world away from the rain-sodden morning in October 1993 when Mevludin Muslimovic, Nedzad Mujak and Enes Hajric stumbled up the slopes of no man's land at the edge of Novi Travnik, central Bosnia, towards their own lines, their hands lashed to their sides with wire, improvised MRUD mines strapped to their chests, coils of wire unravelling slowly behind them as they lurched forward, crying to their comrades beyond to hold their fire.

Captured by Croats during fighting on October 2 that year, the three men were held in the town's sports hall, beside the HVO headquarters, and repeatedly beaten for three days by groups of HVO troops. On the morning of October 5 they were taken to the front line, rigged with explosives, forced back across no man's land, and blown to pieces as they reached the edge of the Bosnian lines.

"Maybe I would feel different now if he had died in action, slain by a bullet or shrapnel," says Fuad Mujak, a brother of Nedzad.

"But he died like that, in such a dreadful way. When I saw his body there were only his hand and legs left. I feel the same now, three years on, as I did then. It is as if it is in my blood and I can never forget it."

What made the crime unusual among the thousands of atrocities in Bosnia's war is that it was clearly documented at the time. The names of the victims are known, the time and method of their death were witnessed, and their remains collected during a ceasefire by a British United Nations officer, Captain Robert Yorke, of the Coldstream Guards. Most unusual of all, Ilija Marin, a Croat who was then the deputy commander of the HVO Stjepan Tomasevic Brigade in the town, admitted in November 1993 that his men had carried out the atrocity, claiming the action was the work of a demented individual whose brother had been killed in combat a few days earlier.

> ‘Their hands were lashed to their sides with wire, improvised mines strapped to their chests’

In the wake of last autumn's Dayton peace agreement, the issues of justice and recrimination have come to the fore. Dusan Tadic may be on trial as a war criminal but what are the practical benefits that his trial in The Hague, and the coming trial and indictments of men like him, will have for reconciliation among victims of war crimes in Bosnia?

Pasa Muslimovic still lives in Novi Travnik, a few hundred yards from the Croat side of town, an area he has not visited since the fighting ceased in February. He was a baker before the war, but has not worked since the conflict as the bakery is also in the Croat zone.

His brother was killed in action last year fighting the Serbs, a death that he has come to terms with. His son Mevludin was one of the three soldiers converted into human bombs; this death he is unable to accept. "It is a crime," he says softly, "and justice must be administered to anybody who is guilty of such a thing. Yes, I can live with the Croats again, but I can never forget what was done to my son, and to live together again people should be punished for what they have done wrong."

Kemala Hajric, the wife of Enes and a refugee from the Croat quarter of town, lives in a bare apartment block opposite Pasa's block, trying to raise her six children on a monthly army pension of 92 Deutschmarks (£39). Her 21-year-old son, her eldest child, was killed by a shell three days after her husband was blown apart. "I'll never be able to live with the Croats again, and The Hague can do what it wants, something or nothing," she cries. "I have no use for anger or revenge. I lost everything in the war. I have only poverty and six children to feed: 'justice' will bring me nothing."

The practicalities of transporting three prisoners from their detention in the sports hall to the front line, binding them with explosives and the necessary amount of wire to detonate the explosives at the Bosnian positions 150 yards away undermines the claim that it was the action of an enraged individual.

More damning still is the story of the fourth Bosnian prisoner, who survived capture by the HVO and was exchanged in a prisoner swap some 40 days later. Speaking from a village in central Bosnia he tells of how he and the other three were held in the sports hall and beaten for two days by different groups of between five and ten HVO soldiers, sometimes with baseball bats.

On the third day, in the morning, he was taken to the bar in the hall and made to sit on a stool. He was interrogated for a time, before two HVO troops struck him from the stool. As he lay on the floor he was surrounded by a group of 30 soldiers and kicked and beaten, then returned to his cell. The beating saved his life, because he could barely walk.

Two hours later a Croat soldier entered the cell. "He looked at me for a long time, then ordered the others out," the Bosnian soldier remembers. "It was October 5, and they never came back.

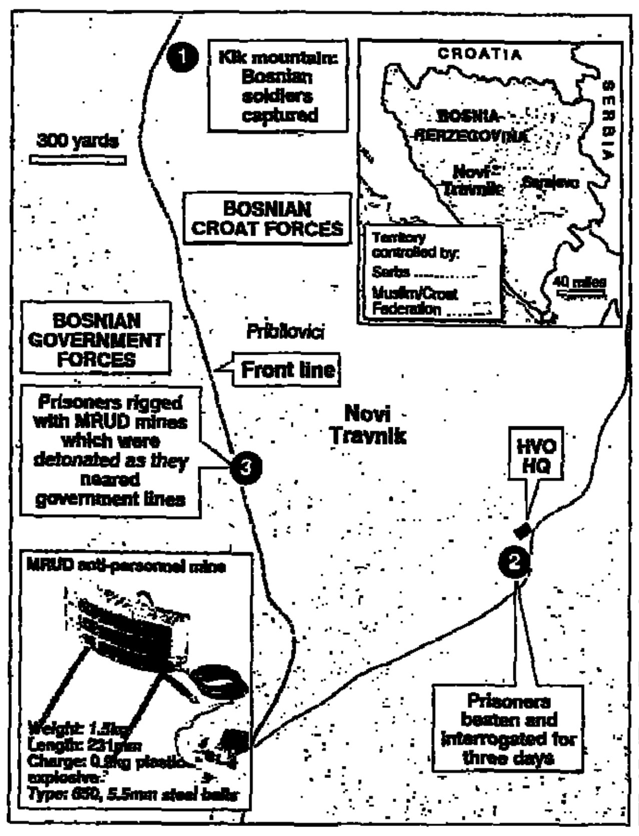
"I was released in time for Muslimovic's funeral. Alive, he weighed 200lbs. They buried 33lbs, including the coffin. I could live with the Croats again, but it cannot happen without The Hague."

The three brothers of Nedzad Mujak argue heatedly over the concept of justice. Fourteen members of their family were killed in the war. All former soldiers from the 308 Brigade, recently demobilised, the brothers are at odds over what to do. One wants to kill his brother's murderers himself and says he will never allow another Croat into his house. Fuad, the youngest, suddenly halts the discussion. He picks up his four-year-old son, born at the start of the war, and puts him on his lap.

"We lost our brother in such a way," he starts, "and justice or not he is gone from us. But without justice now, what hope is there for us? The alternative is revenge, and if it is revenge then Bosnia shall have war until the end of the world."

So far the authorities in The Hague have not indicted any of the men or officers of the Stjepan Tomasevic Brigade for their actions on October 5, 1993. But if the ghosts of the victims are not to give rise to another war, the very real perpetrators of Bosnia's crimes should neither be forgiven nor forgotten.

*Adisa Hajric with a photograph of Enes, her father*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# Whitewater slows Clinton bandwagon

### Convictions add fire to Republican assault on White House

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

The President's guilty friends: Jim Tucker, left, who has now resigned as Arkansas Governor, and Jim and Susan McDougal. The trio face jail and heavy fines

TWO DAYS ago President Clinton appeared to be coasting to re-election. Yesterday, after the convictions of his political heir and former business partners in the first big Whitewater trial, his future in Washington looked much less certain.

The Whitewater affair was once again plastered across America's front pages. Gleeful Republicans launched fresh assaults on Mr Clinton's weakest electoral suits — his character and integrity. Most important, the long-running investigation of Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, gained huge impetus and credibility just when it was stalling.

Over recent months White House allies had successfully tarnished Mr Starr by portraying him as a highly partisan Republican bent on destroying the President. Had he failed to win Tuesday's night's convictions, his 21-month investigation would almost certainly have collapsed. In the event, he persuaded a jury of 12 independent citizens from Mr Clinton's own state that some of the former Governor's closest associates had committed serious crimes, and Mr Starr will be emboldened to forge ahead, even if the President or First Lady are implicated.

A particularly acute danger for the White House is that Mr Starr will now be able to persuade Jim and Susan McDougal, Mr Clinton's partners in the Whitewater Development Corporation, and Jim Guy Tucker, his successor as Arkansas Governor, to testify against the Clintons in return for lesser sentences. The trio all face prison and hefty fines following their convictions, and on Tuesday night Mr Tucker resigned as Governor.

Aside from events in Arkansas in the 1980s, Mr Starr has also been investigating events in Washington over the past three years, including the suicide of Vincent Foster, the deputy White House counsel, the dismissal of the White House travel office, and the mysterious disappearance and reappearance of subpoenaed records detailing the legal work Mrs Clinton did for Madison Guaranty, the failed bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair.

"The Washington phase of the investigation is very active," Mr Starr pointedly told reporters following Tuesday's convictions, and he is said to be close to deciding whether to bring charges against past or present members of the Administration.

The only good news for Mr Clinton yesterday was the denial by several jurors — widely disseminated by the White House — that they had disbelieved his testimony for the defence. They said his evidence was largely irrelevant and insisted they had based their verdicts on copious documentary evidence presented by the prosecution.

Tucker and the McDougals were convicted for illegally obtaining $3 million in government-insured loans during the 1980s from both Madison, which Jim McDougal owned, and Capital Management Services, a collapsed investment company owned by David Hale, a former Little Rock judge. Both institutions appear to have been used as piggy-banks by the state's political elite, and Madison funds were funnelled into the Whitewater company before the bank collapsed at a cost to the taxpayer of $60 million.

Republicans brushed aside repeated White House statements emphasising that the President himself had been accused of no wrongdoing. A spokesman for Newt Gingrich said the verdicts showed that "swirling around then-Governor Clinton was a mass of corruption and criminality". Alfonse D'Amato, chairman of the Senate Whitewater committee, said the verdicts showed "the seriousness and depth of Whitewater for those who said there was nothing there".

Senator D'Amato's committee had wound down its investigation and was due to publish its report on June 17, but he said it would now make a fresh attempt to interrogate Hale, who was the prosecution's star witness. Hale had previously refused, citing his constitutional right against self-incrimination.

The next Whitewater trial also begins in mid-June. Mr Starr is prosecuting two Arkansas bankers for making illegal campaign contributions to Mr Clinton when he was Governor of the state, and the President is again expected to have to testify for the defence.

Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, stayed above the fray yesterday, but Mike Murphy, one of his advertising men, commented: "Convicted is a very powerful word."

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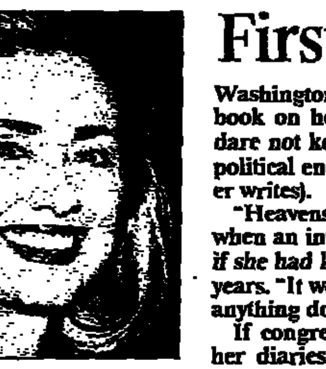
## First Lady declares diary-free zone



*Clinton: off the record*

**Washington: Hillary Clinton plans to write a book on her experiences as First Lady, but dare not keep a diary in case her husband's political enemies subpoena it (Martin Fletcher writes).**

**"Heavens, no!" Mrs Clinton exclaimed when an interviewer asked on Tuesday night if she had kept a record of her White House years. "It would get subpoenaed. I can't write anything down."**

**If congressional Republicans got hold of her diaries, "they'd go after and persecute every friend of mine, everybody I'd ever talked with, everyone I've had a conversation with", Mrs Clinton said.**

**Republicans have intensely scrutinised Mrs Clinton's roles in the Whitewater affair and the dismissal of the White House travel office. They have subpoenaed many of her friends and aides to testify or surrender confidential documents.**

**Mrs Clinton said she would have to rely on schedules and other official records to write her memoirs. "There's been a real crimp put in history by these absurd investigations," she protested.**

## Rifkind calls for vigorous US ties

FROM TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON

MALCOLM RIFKIND, the Foreign Secretary, attempted yesterday to cement the relationship between Britain and America by demanding vigorous economic and security co-operation for the 21st century.

In a wide-ranging speech in Washington, Mr Rifkind promoted Britain as the enterprise centre of Europe and highlighted the importance of a joint economic partnership.

"Our bilateral link is not separate from a wider partnership. It is part of its foundation," he told the National Press Club. "Our common outlook, our shared values, our long tradition of consultation and co-operation: all are central to the broader relationship. The links between Britain and the US are a bond that holds Europe and North America together."

He cited European interests in America which provided 5.5 million jobs, including more than 125,000 from British investment in Pennsylvania, New York and North Carolina. Jaguar, Brooks Brothers, Selfridges and Dunkin' Donuts were all examples of Anglo-American commercial accomplishment. Mr Rifkind attacked US moves to impose sanctions on companies trading with Cuba, Iran and Libya. Britain and America should avoid actions damaging to economic co-operation.

Turning to political co-operation, Mr Rifkind was quick to refute a perceived crack in relations between America and its European allies over the Dayton peace accord for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"Bosnia is a story of transatlantic success," he said. "When Europe and North America are divided progress is impossible . . . but when we overcame division . . . our capacity for effective action was huge. Transatlantic unity was the foundation of success. That lesson applies around the globe."

## US bishops devise 'marital sex' rule to halt gay ordination

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

TRADITIONALIST bishops in the American Episcopal Church have devised a new strategy to oppose the ordination of homosexuals. They called on the church's General Convention (its equivalent of the General Synod) to demand that ordinands abstain from sex outside marriage — effectively barring gays, who are not allowed to marry.

The bishops have also pledged to set up a "fellowship of Episcopal parishes and dioceses which uphold scriptural authority", a decision that in effect creates a church within a church, if not resulting eventually in a formal split. The ten Episcopal bishops met at an airport hotel in Texas to announce their continuing campaign against homosexual priests. Earlier this month an ecclesiastical court found that there were no grounds to prosecute a liberal, retired bishop for heresy after he knowingly ordained a self-proclaimed homosexual. The court found that no "core doctrines" had been broken by the Right Rev Walter Righter.

Having failed with the heresy ploy, the traditionalists, led by the Right Rev James Stanton, the Bishop of Dallas, announced their intention to seek the no-sex-without-marriage pledge from ordinands. The motion may be put to the convention next summer.

Their gambit may be overtaken by events if a proposal before the Supreme Court of Hawaii succeeds in letting gays wed — thus opening the way for legal, if not quite "holy", gay marriage.

Bishop Stanton expressed disappointment over Bishop Righter's trial. He said that "two millennia of Christian teaching regarding God's purposes in creation" had been discarded in one leap.

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## $10m deal in Korean air crash case

FROM GILES WHITTELL
IN SAN FRANCISCO

THIRTEEN years after fighters shot down a Korean airliner for straying into Soviet airspace, the airline is to pay the family of one passenger a record $10 million (£6.6 million) in damages.

The payment, the largest of its kind, will go to the widow and children of Chung Yeung Kim, a Korean businessman who died aboard Korean Air Lines' Flight 007 when it plunged into the North Pacific after being struck by Soviet missiles in 1983.

In a last-minute, out-of-court settlement, the airline agreed to pay the money as a lump sum, with Lloyd's of London footing the bill, according to US news reports. The payment is to compensate for lost earnings which lawyers argued would have accrued from a hotel and other businesses of Mr Kim which have faded since his death.

"Lloyd's is going to have to empty the till on this one," a Kim family attorney said in Los Angeles, where the case was due to go to trial on Tuesday. The deal may be taken by other victims' families as acknowledgement of responsibility by the airline.

## California vines dug up in trendy hop to real ale

BY QUENTIN LETTS

A CALIFORNIAN wine maker, disturbed by the sudden popularity of British-style real ale in America, is ripping out mature vines to make way for hops.

The Benziger family, which is in its third generation of making prize-winning cabernet and merlot vintages in the Sonoma valley, north of San Francisco, intends to devote 20 prime acres to hops. The family described the decision as "heart-breaking" but making commercial sense.

In line with the old slogan for Ansell's Bitter ("If you can't beat 'em, join 'em"), it intends to start making its own brand of real ale.

• The heir to the vineyard, Jerry Benziger, 38, is being packed off to a beer institute in Chicago to cleanse his mind of viniculture and learn the brewer's art. It is thought to be the first retreat by the wine business in an area which has seen extraordinary vine growth since the 1950s. The Napa Valley, best known of America's vineyard districts, is nearby.

Real ales were practically extinct in the United States ten years ago, but have made a comeback. Raymond McGrath, president of the Beer Institute in Washington, said: "Five years ago there were fewer than 50 small brewers. Now there are 900." Hops are traditionally used to flavour beer, although some major US breweries did not bother with them when making the pale, palate-cheating draughts previously poured, ice cold, in American saloons. "They didn't consider them necessary," Mr McGrath said.

The return of real ale has been a boon to English hop farmers. Buyers tend to be young, well-off and thirsty for strong flavours. Charley Ewen, a former Wall Street trader who runs a small brewery (or microbrewery) in New York state, said: "I make an English-style ale and the best ingredients come from Britain." Real ale now accounts for 2 per cent of the vast American beer market, and English hop farmers will hope that the Benzigers' decision is not repeated in California. Things have reached such a pass that a Boston ale, Samuel Adams, is to be sold in Britain.

## 'Speed' star Reeves hurt in accident

BY GILES WHITTELL

KEANU REEVES, the actor and occasional pop musician, was recovering in hospital yesterday after being knocked off his motorcycle in an accident on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood.

Life imitated art for the star of *Speed* when he hit one car while swerving to avoid another at a busy junction in the heart of the city's nightclub district. The 31-year-old motorcycle enthusiast was riding a British-made 1975 Norton.

Mr Reeves, who had recently finished work on a new action film called *Chain Reaction*, suffered minor cuts to the face and a chipped ankle bone, according to a spokesman for the Queen of Angels Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Centre, where the actor was taken by ambulance after the accident.

He underwent surgery on his ankle and was kept in yesterday for observation, hospital sources said. The actor and his staff have yet to comment on the details of the accident or whether he intends to continue riding motorcycles, but he is known to own powerful Italian and American machines in addition to the Norton.

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# Hairsplitting exercise will put Beethoven's hearing to the test

Beethoven: rumoured to have had syphilis

By Tom Rhodes

THE unruly hair which has embodied the musical genius of Ludwig van Beethoven from sculpture to Hollywood may soon yield a host of unsavoury facts about the German composer nearly 170 years *after his death.*

Through a bizarre series of twists and turns, 582 strands of the musician's *hair have made their* way from his deathbed in 19th-century Vienna to a laboratory in Tucson, Arizona, where they could provide perhaps the most intriguing revelations about Beethoven's elusive personal life and even his *exceptional talent.*

Its two owners hope that the curl will supply answers to many of the questions which so long have eluded academics, including whether the unmarried composer was ever treated for syphilis and whether *his deafness* was caused by lead poisoning. A team of top American scientists has been assembled by the musical devotees to conduct a series of experiments on the hair.

Having bid $7,300 (£5,000) for the relic at Sotheby's, Ira Brilliant, a *retired estate* agent, and Alfredo Guevara, a urologist, believe the hair could ensure as enduring a personal portrait *of the man* as the symphonies, sonatas and oratorios provide for the maestro's work.

Some strands have already been tested and the anthropology department at the University of Arizona has already concluded that, despite a widespread plague *of head lice in* 19th-century Europe, Beethoven's wild mane was free of nits.

It is generally accepted by modern scholars that, in addition to his stoic acceptance of increasing deafness, Beethoven suffered cirrhosis *of the liver, chronic kidney stones* and constant intestinal difficulties. According to the notes of one doctor who treated *him in Vienna,* the composer had a continual bout of diarrhoea while finishing his Piano Concerto in B flat. As yet there have been *no* signs that he used morphine to ease the pain but appears to have relied on large quantities of wine.

The hair was cut from his head by a young student after Beethoven's death at 56 in 1827 *and surfaced* during the Second World War when it was given to a Danish doctor by Jews he had helped to *smuggle out of Nazi* Germany. Believed to be the thickest clump in existence, it will soon be transferred to another research centre at Naperville, Illinois, where scientists will search for traces *of mercury* and *lead.*

Mercury was the standard treatment for syphilis at the time and, *while there is no* evidence that Beethoven ever had sex with anyone, rumours of the condition have persisted since one *doctor burned the composer's* treatment notes.

The Illinois scientists will also be analysing the relic for lead, which could have caused the composer hearing loss.

# Drug ring arrests deliver fresh blow to US Navy image

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE battered image of the US Navy suffered a fresh blow *yesterday with the disclosure* that 21 American sailors have been arrested in Naples for *smuggling heroin and cocaine* into Italy.

The first arrests were on *May 16, arousing speculation* they may have contributed to the pressures that drove Admiral Mike Boorda, Chief of Naval Operations, to suicide in Washington that day.

The admiral faced questions about the legitimacy of his Vietnam War decorations and was already worried about the US Navy's reputation after the Tailhook sexual harassment scandal and several unwelcome incidents at the Annapolis Naval Academy.

The sailors involved were recruited by Nigerian dealers *because they could* cross national borders with relative ease and were reportedly paid *up to $30,000 (£19,900) to* smuggle 10lb to 12lb of drugs at a time from Istanbul.

*The ring was broken after* it was infiltrated by agents from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Most of those involved were junior enlisted sailors, but one was a *lieutenant-commander* and two apparently had top-level security clearance. There was *no evidence that* the sailors, subject to random drug tests, used narcotics themselves. "The motivation *here* was money, not intoxication," a naval source said.

A naval commander has meanwhile admitted writing an anonymous letter published in the *Navy Times* three days before Admiral Boorda's suicide, which said he had lost his peers' respect and should resign. John Carey, recently *relieved* of his command of a guided-missile destroyer for abusing the crew, apologised but said the admiral was "the last person in the navy any of us thought might kill himself".

*The admiral's widow,* Bettie, has decided not to release her husband's two suicide notes, but paraphrased one in a message to all sailors on Tuesday.

She wrote: "Today, *if he* were writing to you, it might be something like the following. *You are the heart and soul* of our navy. Take care of each other. Be honorable. Do what is *right.* Forgive when it makes sense, punish when you must, but always work ... *to help people be all they really* can be and should be."

☐ The commander of the navy's Blue Angels flying team has resigned because he felt his performance was inadequate. Commander Donnie Cochran was the first black to join and then lead the daredevil team. *The Washington Post* said some white pilots *had* complained that he got the job because of his colour.

A statement by the Blue Angels said Commander Cochran "understood that safety is paramount, and was concerned that his difficulties were beginning to impair the viability of the demonstration".

# Ship crew accused of dumping stowaways

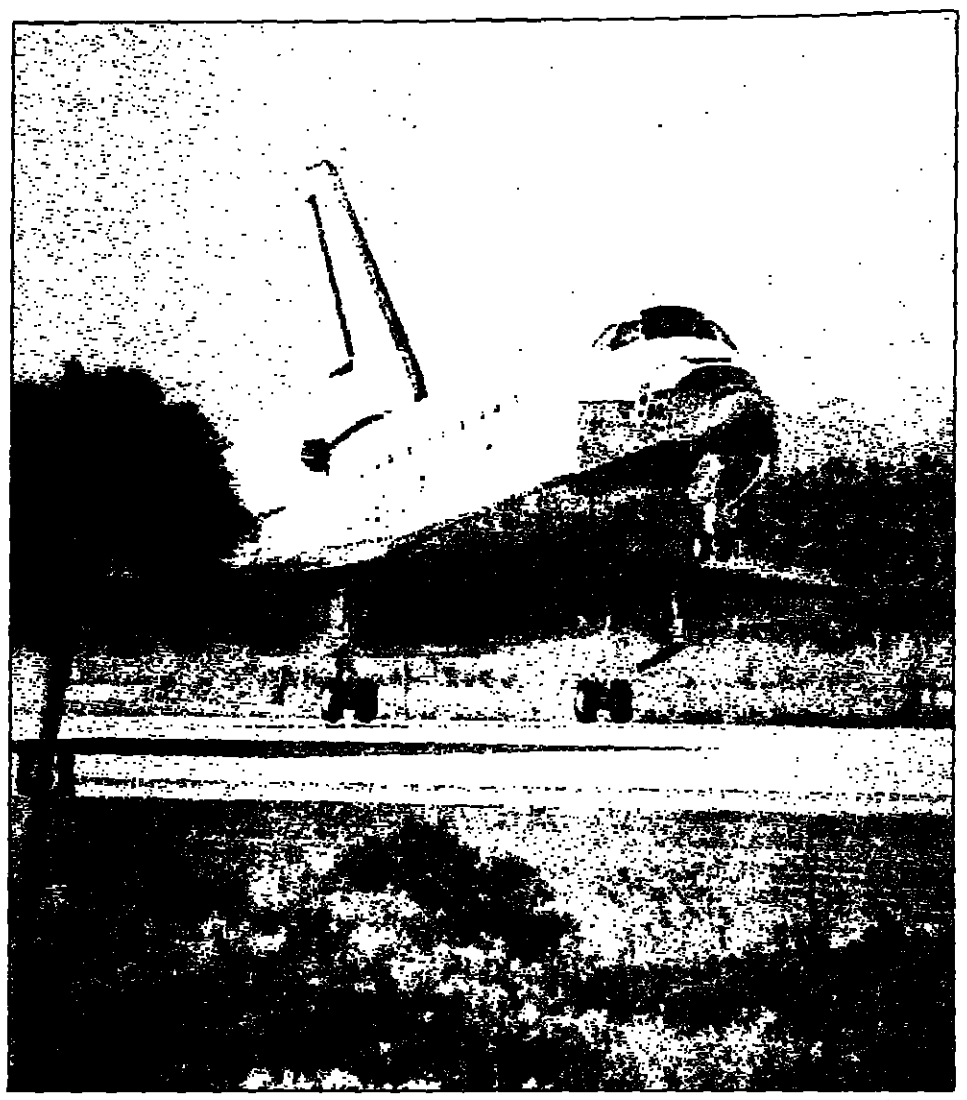
From Associated Press in Bucharest

ROMANIA yesterday demanded the extradition from Canada of the captain and crew of a Taiwanese container *ship who allegedly threw three* Romanian stowaways overboard. The general prosecutor's *office and Romania's* Supreme Court have issued arrest warrants against seven crew *members* believed to have been involved.

Two Romanians were put on a makeshift raft on March 12, a day after *The Dubai* left the Spanish port of Algeciras for Canada, crew members said. They were too frightened to report the incident until a third Romanian was found and disappeared on May 18.

The crew said they were ordered to make a makeshift raft from an oil drum for the two men found in March. They last saw them adrift about 30 miles from land.

*Romanian papers said* the third man was thrown overboard, with no hope of survival. When a fourth man was found, the crew hid him. He was turned over to Canada's *Immigration Department.*



The Endeavour space shuttle lands at Cape Canaveral, Florida, yesterday after its crew of six successfully completed a complex ten-day scientific mission that included the release of an inflated *giant antenna and growing pure crystals*

# Protest veteran arrested in China

From James Pringle in Peking

IN A sign of nervousness in the run-up to the seventh anniversary of the violent suppression of pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square, police detained a dissident, Wang *Donghai, who* had sent a petition to parliament demanding the release of human rights activists like Wei Jingsheng, China's number one political prisoner.

Security was stepped up in Peking, despite the fact that the human rights movement in China has been virtually crushed. More People's Armed Police elements were on guard yesterday around foreign diplomatic compounds and embassies, and there was an increased presence of plain-clothes security men in the diplomatic quarter.

"The authorities are nervous," said one foreign diplomat here. "These are preventative measures to guard against any possible embarrassing incidents. But it's difficult to think there can be any major protest because most dissidents are in prison, in exile, have been co-opted into the system or have given up the struggle."

Mr Wang, who was detained on Tuesday, had joined six other activists in sending a petition to the standing committee of the National People's Congress, demanding the release of Wei, who is currently serving a 14-year prison sentence, and other political detainees.

"We call for the immediate unconditional release of Wei Jingsheng along with all others detained for political and religious crimes," the petition said.

Mr Wang, 45, a store manager, was jailed for two years for his role in the pro-democracy demonstrations that were crushed on June 4, 1989, and was again held briefly last December.

He called in the petition for the Government to reverse its condemnation of the 1989 student movement as a "counter-revolutionary rebellion" and *to punish all those involved in* the crackdown.

# Sex charge dropped against Barry Sheene

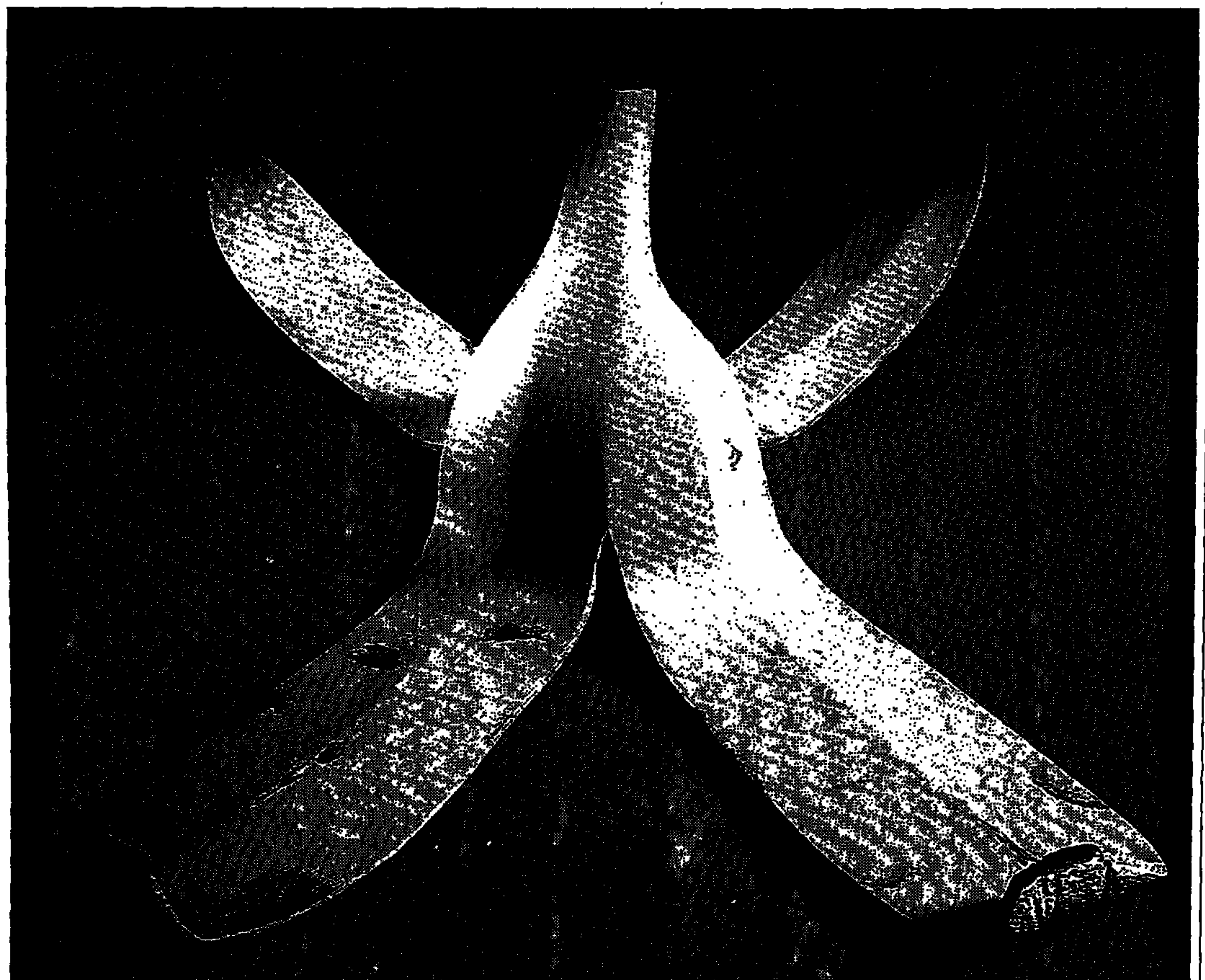
From Roger Maynard in Sydney

AN INDECENT assault allegation against Barry Sheene, the former British world motorcycle champion, and Gerhard Berger, the Austrian racing driver, has been withdrawn by a 20-year-old woman.

Melanie Hilzinger, who works in a menswear boutique, *had* accused the grand *prix stars of fondling her* breasts in a shopping centre on the Queensland Gold Coast, a few miles *from* Sheene's home. She claimed the two men approached her *during a lunch break.*

Yesterday Queensland police said the complaint had been withdrawn, after a full investigation. The decision followed an announcement by the woman's solicitor, Bill Potts, that his client did not wish the complaint to proceed. "Miss Hilzinger is pleased that the matters between her and Mr Berger and Mr Sheene have been withdrawn and she now wants to be left alone," he said.

Mr Michael King, a solicitor for the two *men,* said: "Mr Berger and Mr Sheene are delighted this matter is now *over and they intend to devote* their time and attention to their respective business pursuits. *They wish to thank* all those persons who have offered expressions of support *to them over the last few* weeks."



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# Yeltsin makes offer of power-sharing to Chechen rebels

**FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW**

PRESIDENT YELTSIN has stepped up the pressure to achieve a peace settlement in Chechenia before the June 16 presidential election with the announcement yesterday of a new power-sharing treaty for the republic.

The arrangement would give Chechenia many more powers than any part of Russia. In the full text of the document, which will be released tomorrow, Chechenia will be called a "sovereign state" within the Russian Federation.

Sergei Shakhrai, the former Nationalities Minister who is one of the authors of the document, said there would be a month of discussion inside Chechenia for the final details to be worked out.

The document caps a peace effort conducted over the past few days. The Chechen rebels, who have insisted on full independence for their republic, will find it difficult to reject the document altogether.

However, the fighting continued yesterday. Two Russian soldiers died and two were wounded after their armoured personnel carrier was blown up by a remote-controlled bomb in central Grozny. But the attack may have been the work of freelance Chechen rebels and was not enough to derail the peace process. Talks begin on Saturday about enforcing a full ceasefire in the republic.

Another soldier was killed and seven others suffered burns when a Russian Interior Ministry helicopter was shot down near the Chechen village of Tsentaroy, RTR Russian state television said.

Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the rebel Chechen leader, returned to the village of Shali yesterday to a hero's welcome. Villagers and gunmen gathered to salute him after his trip to the Kremlin. Mr Yandarbiyev called Mr Yeltsin a "wolf cub", adding that it was a mark of respect.

Saturday's talks will first of all focus on a long-term truce before considering political issues. President Yeltsin, in an interview on Novosibirsk television, said he was pleased by Mr Yandarbiyev's visit to Moscow and his own visit to Chechenia on Tuesday. The Russian newspapers treated his four-hour trip to the region as a brilliant electoral coup.

The new peace process differs from the one that broke down last summer in that it is backed up by the personal guarantee of the leaders of the two warring sides. In the past, truces have been ignored in Chechenia in what may in some cases have been subordination. Mr Yeltsin put his authority on the line yesterday when he addressed the high command of the Defence Ministry. He said that in observing the truce "every shot will be investigated for the reason it occurred".

The President admitted "mistakes" by the military and the politicians in the war, in which as many as 30,000 people have died.

"Lack of co-ordination in their actions and low standards of professionalism sometimes led to significant losses both among the troops and the civilian population."

General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, who has lost face because of the truce, accused generals "who had no honour" of trying to undermine him.

Much of the Russian press is on death watch for General Grachev, who is now Mr Yeltsin's longest serving minister, and predicts his resignation every day.

The head of an international mediating mission in Chechenia yesterday praised the ceasefire deal but said the future was still shaky.

Tim Guldimann, who represents the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe in the region, said: "I am relatively optimistic about the next ten days. But if in the next six weeks there is no major progress in this fragile process, I would not be that optimistic."

Yandarbiyev: returned from Kremlin visit to a hero's welcome in Chechenia

# Thais shaken by royal scandal

**BY LEYLA LINTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF**

THE Thai royal house has been thrown into controversy after a London-based aide associated with the wife of the Crown Prince has been dismissed. Air Chief Marshal Anand Rodsamkhan's dismissal, and his probable loss of all military ranks, is the latest shock to the Chakri dynasty founded in 1782.

Thais view King Bhumiphol with almost god-like respect, but Crown Prince Vijaralongkorn's antics have long caused deep dismay in Bangkok.

An order signed by Banharn Silpa-archa, the Prime Minister, announcing the dismissal was published in yesterday's Bangkok newspapers. Copies of the order were posted on the walls of the palace of Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn in Pakkret, north of Bangkok.

The order said it would be better if the air chief marshal did not return to Thailand. By implication the same applies to the Crown Prince's wife, Mom Sujarinee. Both are to be stripped of diplomatic status.

The Crown Prince is a dashing figure who has the rank of army general and occasionally flies air force F5 jets from Bangkok airport. The antithesis of his austere father, King Bhumiphol, he has a fondness for fast women and constantly figures in the Bangkok rumour-mill.

The Crown Princess has been resident in London for some time, with her daughter. Two sons of Prince Vajiralongkorn are at Harrow.

The announcement was made 24 hours after Princess Sujarinee's daughter, Mom Chao Busnamphej Mahidol, seven, was flown back from London by her father.

# Spain brings back juries

**Madrid: Spain this week reintroduced the jury system for the first time since its abrupt abolition 60 years ago (Tunku Varadarajan writes).**

**The system, one of many institutions which fell victim to the Spanish Civil War, was brought back only for three experimental trials, involving nine-person juries, or *jurados populares*. Observers hope that the practice will soon be adopted more widely in the country's Roman-Napoleonic legal system, traditionally dominated by magistrates.**

# Sri Lanka emergency declared to end strike

**FROM REUTER IN COLOMBO**

THE Sri Lankan Government invoked emergency regulations yesterday to break a strike that has left the island without centrally generated electricity.

Under the regulations, which take immediate effect, the state power generation and distribution utilities are declared to be essential services. A government spokesman said the move would mean that Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) workers would be forced to resume work or face serious penalties, including the confiscation of their property.

Power was cut shortly after noon yesterday when about 14,000 employees went on strike, officials said.

The workers are demanding a halt to moves to privatise the Lanka Electricity Company, the state power distributor, an end to private sector power plants and the payment of outstanding wage increases.

# Albanian campaign grows for new poll

**BY JAMES PETTIFER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF**

ALBANIAN opposition parties vowed yesterday to keep up the pressure on the Government to organise new elections as the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe joined other international bodies in casting doubt over last weekend's election.

Although calm had returned to Tirana, the capital, yesterday after riot police wielding truncheons broke up an opposition rally on Tuesday, the former communist Socialist Party called for daily protests throughout the country until new elections are held. "We want to prove that we are numerous and that the current Government is not democratic," Kastriot Islami, of the Socialist Party, said.

President Berisha's ruling Democratic Party has claimed a huge victory over the Socialists, who pulled out of the election with five other parties hours before the polls closed on Sunday.

The open and blatant vote-rigging seems to have taken Western diplomatic missions by surprise, given Dr Berisha's high standing in the West as one of the few beacons of stability and progress in the Balkans. The warning signs have been flashing for some time, however, as serious human rights violations built up over the past year with attacks on independent media and the judiciary. Organised crime has been spreading and mafia gangs supporting Dr Berisha undoubtedly played a part in intimidating opposition voters at the polls.

The much-vaunted Albanian economic miracle has been seen by some independent analysts as a matter of smoke and mirrors, with large areas of the countryside enduring near medieval conditions and a very overvalued currency bringing hardship to poorer families even in Tirana.

Another problem for Dr Berisha was electoral arithmetic. There seems little doubt that support for the Democratic Party never exceeded 40 per cent of the electorate and it may have been lower in some key districts. Without manipulation, it was never going to be possible to secure a decisive majority.

# Two held over death of Briton

**Budapest:** Almost a year after the stabbing to death of a British tourist, Hungarian police have arrested two youths in connection with his murder (Adam LeBor writes).

Christopher Stangroom, 30, from Streatham, south London, was killed last July on Margit Island, a popular beauty spot in the Danube. His belongings were stolen and his body lay unidentified in a Hungarian mortuary for days after he was murdered. The 16-year-old suspects, who had been sniffing glue, were part of a gang that stole mountain bikes, police said.

## Greece cancels Turkish talks

**Athens:** Giving Turkey's current domestic political uncertainty as the reason, Greece withdrew from a meeting of the Greek and Turkish foreign ministers that was to take place in Berlin next week to discuss its differences with that country. A communiqué said the meeting would "not be useful in the present context and not until conditions were created for new contact . . . at this level". *(AFP)*

## Left holds on in Canadian vote

**Ottawa:** The left-of-centre New Democratic administration, under its new leader Glen Clark, defied the pundits to hang on to power in elections in the Canadian province of British Colombia (Richard Cleroux writes). His party won 39 seats against 33 for the fast-rising Liberals. The parties previously held 50 and 14 seats respectively.

## Abbé Pierre leaves France

**Paris:** Abbé Pierre, 83, the once-beloved French priest who dramatically fell from grace after voicing support for a revisionist interpretation of the Holocaust by his historian friend, Roger Garaudy, has quit his native country for an Italian monastery, where he may spend the rest of his life.

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# Hidden lives - the trouble with being gay in the City

The dilemma faced by homosexuals at work is investigated by **Beverley Kemp**

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Many lesbians and gay men choose to hide their sexuality from everyone at work, fearing discrimination. The pressure they face from colleagues can be intense

There are lesbian and gay bankers, accountants, lawyers and insurance brokers in every leading organisation in the City of London.

But leading a double life brings unique pressures. Ruth is a partner in a London law firm. Penny is an artist. The couple have lived together for nine years. Ruth is in her early forties and Penny in her late thirties. While they are "out" to their friends and families, Ruth is not open about her sexuality to her colleagues and fellow partners.

## RUTH'S STORY

"You simply forget about your personal and home life the moment you walk into your office. The idea of taking Penny to a business function or Christmas party and introducing her to everybody as my partner doesn't bear thinking about. Everyone in the room would turn around and stare with their mouths wide open. "Years ago I took a friend's boyfriend to an office Christmas party because I was new in the firm and didn't want everyone to think I had no one to invite. It was a big mistake. People asked after Ben for weeks afterwards. Whenever the firm holds a function to which partners are invited now, I either make up an excuse or go alone. It's easy to turn invitations down.

"A couple of my partners are aware of my sexuality. One chap made a pass at me when we were on a residential conference. I made it clear that I wasn't interested but he kept asking 'Why? What's the matter?' Pointing out that he was married didn't seem to have any effect. Finally I said 'Look, I'm just not interested in men. I'm gay.' He was mortified and terribly apologetic. Subsequently we have become quite good friends. The absence of sexual undertone means we can relax and enjoy each other's company if we are staying in the same hotel or entertaining clients together.

"But it hasn't always worked out like that. On one occasion I was working away from home on an important deal and Penny and I were going through a very rough patch and I'd just had a really upsetting phone call from her. A colleague noticed I wasn't my usual self and asked what was wrong. I explained that I was having relationship difficulties and he looked surprised and said he didn't know I was in a serious relationship. I said 'You wouldn't. I don't talk about it at work because my long-term partner is another woman.' At the time he seemed very sympathetic and reacted quite well.

"But our working relationship began to change in subtle ways. It seemed as if I had gone down in his esteem as a competent professional woman. There was a sense of not being seen to be as 'sound' and reliable as before.

"Over the years you develop a wall around you to ensure that your private life stays private. You simply never mention it. Gradually people learn not to ask about my life outside the office. You build a 'don't touch' barrier around yourself.

"But there is always a sense of isolation from my peers. As far as I'm aware I'm the only lesbian out of 50 partners and 100 staff. There's one other man whom I suspect is gay but neither of us is likely to ask the other. I'm sufficiently senior and well established in the firm to know that I would never lose my job because I'm a lesbian. But I can't face becoming the brunt of gossip throughout the firm. Telling people at work about your partner or child is hardly earth-shattering stuff if you are straight. To tell colleagues that you are gay is a far more personal disclosure because it is exceptional and has sexual titillation value. Straight people don't tend to announce in general conversation what they particularly like doing in bed. By admitting you're a lesbian you are telling people something fundamental about your sexual preferences.

"The fact that I will not come out at work has caused massive rows in my relationship with Penny. She sees it as a form of disloyalty to her rather than a good strategy to minimise hassle. She tells me that she feels like a non-person. I feel irritated that she cannot seem to understand that it's far more complicated than that. Being in the closet at work has nothing to do with my feelings for or commitment to her. Part of me feels she's just making a fuss about a principle because I know she'd never want to come to business dinners with me anyway. But it's a problem in our relationship that we can never agree on."

## PENNY'S STORY

"Every time she brings home an invitation addressed to 'Ruth and guest' we'll end up having another row. No one else in the firm gets the 'and guest' tag. Those two little words make me feel that my role in her life is nameless. Every time she goes to a business dinner alone she is pretending to be single and heterosexual when she is neither of those things. Sometimes I feel like a dark, dirty secret in her life. The woman hidden away at home who must never be spoken about during the day. The partner of nearly ten years who can never accompany her to her office parties.

"I've never seen inside her office. When a male friend went to meet her for lunch once it felt so bizarre asking him to describe her office to me. I've never met her secretary or any of the colleagues whose names I know so well. Over time you develop a perverse curiosity to know what these people look like, how they dress and whether their personalities match the image you have of them. It's pathetic really!

"We have a relationship that in many ways is more stable and committed than a lot of heterosexual relationships we know of. So it hurts me that the woman I love can go out of our home 7am until 7pm and completely deny my existence and our relationship for 12 hours a day, five days a week. I know how important I am in her life but I'd still like the privilege every straight person takes for granted: having your role as someone's partner acknowledged in the daytime.

"The rational part of me understands the dilemma Ruth has to deal with. Of course I don't want her to be gossiped about or undermined at work. She turns down a lot of invitations to various things, and I worry that doing so will ultimately have a negative impact on her career. While Ruth doesn't do what a lot of other lesbians in the City we know do, and invent a fictitious male partner, I still see her way of coping with her sexuality at work as being fundamentally dishonest. Both of us know that there's no way she would ever be fired for being gay. Most of her colleagues probably assume that she is anyway. Why not just turn round and say 'Yes, I am.'

"Several of Ruth's clients ring her at home so I find myself feeling awkward answering the telephone in my own home. The automatic thought is always 'I wonder if that's caused Ruth any embarrassment.'

"Clients usually just bark "Can I speak to Ruth please?" as if I'm a switchboard operator or rattle off long messages. Occasionally it would be nice if someone said 'Hello Penny. How are you?' But that never happens.

"On a deeper level I have a problem understanding how she can bear to work alongside people and in an environment that is profoundly homophobic. We'd never choose to socialise with people who are homophobic yet every day she spends hours in a place where if people knew who she really was their opinion of her would alter dramatically.

"We are completely out to both our friends and families but I just have to accept that our working worlds are completely different. My own sexuality has never been an issue for me. In the arts it's hardly a problem that I'm a lesbian. You are talking about a world that is positively brimming with gay men. You can be as unconventional as you want to be.

"I find it hard to understand how Ruth can go into the office and never say, 'We did this over the weekend.' Major events like moving house and holidays are never mentioned. On the odd occasions where someone has asked what she did over the Christmas period she told them that she went home to visit her mother. How she deals with questions about holidays I have no idea. I've never asked her.

"On a practical level there are complications that straight people would never have with their partners. If there was ever an absolute emergency and Ruth was away or tied up in a meeting I don't know what I would do. I can never say to her secretary 'Can you remind her that we are doing such and such this evening?' The firm sponsors various theatre and sports events and there are always free tickets for partners and staff to take their wives, husbands and friends. Of course I'd enjoy an evening in a box at the theatre or good seats at Wimbledon. Who wouldn't? But we don't take advantage of any perks like that because it might look dodgy if Ruth took another woman along to everything.

"Sometimes, I do feel I might be happier with a partner who was completely open about her sexuality in all areas of their life. But Ruth is the woman I love and it's her career at stake, not mine. If only she didn't have to lead this crazy double life."

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### Identical twins of nurture and nature take a toll

## Shocked into dying

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BILL and John Bloomfield, identical twins from Perth, Western Australia, both died within two minutes of each other this week after being inseparable for 61 years. That their deaths should be so close is not a surprise as in their case nature and nurture were identical. They had the same genes, ate the same food in childhood and when adults, drank the same amount of wine, took the same amount of exercise and shared an equal amount of stress. Neither was married.

Their coronary arteries would have been identical, too, and presumably would have furred up at the same rate. The shock of the death of one, who slumped over the restaurant table, was enough to trigger an acute myocardial infarction in the other. The suggestion is that the sudden shock either raises blood pressure in a patient with coronary artery disease sufficiently to dislodge a patch of atheroma which can then block an artery, or it may cause a fatal spasm in a diseased vessel.

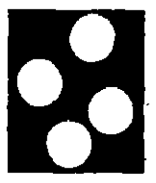
The way in which twins should be brought up is a matter of debate, but there is agreement that every effort should be made to encourage their individuality as soon as is practicable.

In 1983 Dr Elizabeth Bryan, then an Honorary consultant paediatrician at Queen Charlotte's and Hammersmith Hospital in London, wrote a study on the problems faced by twins and their parents.

Many parents do not usually bother to differentiate between twins, who are referred to merely as "the twins". From the start twins should be dressed differently and grandparents and neighbours should be shown any minor differences that might distinguish them so the children can be called by name. All twins, and identical twins in particular, make two close emotional relationships from birth, with each other and with their parents. Twins soon become interdependent and by the age of six months are adept at comforting each other; some parents resent this.

Initially, one twin is usually larger. Parents find it difficult to treat both equally; in some cases the smaller one gets the lion's share of care, in other households the larger baby is favoured. Conversely other parents, particularly the mothers, are attracted to a smaller one's helplessness, and tend to feel that the larger sibling should be better at fending for itself. The danger is that preferences, once established in the cot, can last into childhood.

## The Duchess and her pills



ONE of the Duchess of York's advisers, Jack Temple, 78, implied on television that her emotional, domestic and other problems may have stemmed from taking too many slimming pills.

The Government, it is reported, is considering banning slimming pills. Even without a ban no doctor would recommend that a patient rely on pills alone to lose weight.

The suggestion is that the Duchess might have been treated with either Duromine, which is phentermine, or Ponderax, which is fenfluramine, both of which were supplied for other patients by her New York doctor. Neither is particularly powerful nor strongly addictive, but they do have an amphetamine-type action and taken in excess can have a similar stimulant action to speed or cocaine. These slimming drugs have similar side effects as amphetamines, such as inappropriate behaviour or euphoria.

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# Seven go to Vermeer

## Julia Llewellyn Smith talks to some of the 20,000 British pilgrims who went to the painter's definitive exhibition

Ann and John Tusa: "wonderful"

### JOHN TUSA

Barbican boss
**cost of trip: £300 each**
**method of travel: plane**

JOHN TUSA, 60, former head of the BBC World Service and now managing director of the Barbican Centre in London, visited with his wife, Ann, in March for two nights.

"In January, some friends asked us if we wanted to come with them. I'm afraid we were terribly passive about it all. We booked with Time Off, and flew to Amsterdam and stayed at the Park Hotel in The Hague.

"We thought the exhibition was absolutely wonderful. The sheer concentration of so much work in one place makes you look and think so much harder than in a general gallery, where you are going from one artist to another.

"Our tickets were for 10.30am, so you were moving slowly, but this meant you stood in front of each picture for far longer than most of us do normally, so you were forced to speculate about each picture in detail. After an hour and a half we were exhausted.

"The pleasure of Vermeer is that so little is known about him and so much is speculation."

### DAVID SHUTT

art department head
**cost of trip: £100 each**
**method of travel: coach**

DAVID SHUTT, 50, is head of art and design at Canterbury Christ Church Higher Education College. He visited with a party of 58 students and staff for three nights.

"We went with Isis educational travel, in a double-decker coach. About half of us were under 22, the others were mainly mature students and tutors aged between 35 and 45.

"We were travelling on Le Shuttle. Almost immediately, the coach had a blow-out and we were delayed, which was very worrying as we were booked in to the exhibition for 6pm and it was obvious we wouldn't make it. In the end we arrived at 7.30 and the last entry is at seven, but they let us in. Everyone left at eight so we had the exhibition to ourselves until nine.

"The following morning about 12 of us returned, the rest stayed in Amsterdam. The crowds were incredible, like the Underground in the rush hour. If you lose your temper in front of a Vermeer you miss the point. his pictures are all about tranquillity.

"We were staying in Amsterdam. I think that the younger ones sampled the Amsterdam nightlife. On Saturday we visited Haarlem and on Sunday we went to Arnhem. It was a terrific experience."

A souvenir of Vermeer

### ERIC BROWN

former chartered accountant
**cost of trip: £325 each**
**method of travel: plane and train**

ERIC BROWN from south London, a former chartered accountant, and his wife Sheila, both 85, visited at the end of March.

"We had seen all but four of the Vermeers in our travels, so we knew we had to go to this. We flew to Amsterdam and took a train to The Hague. We had booked tickets for 9am, there were maybe ten or 12 people in each room and after three minutes you could stand in front of each picture for as long as you liked.

"Even if you know the paintings, the exhibition was a revelation. They are relatively small pictures, but there is plenty of space around them. There is something entirely sublime about the quietness of Vermeer's paintings.

### SAM ROSENSTEIN

retired ad executive
**cost of trip: £220 each**
**method of travel: plane**

SAM ROSENSTEIN, 65, a widow from Essex, visited the exhibition in April for two days with Julie Middleton, a friend of 50 years.

"I had been in Washington DC when the exhibition was on there, but I stupidly missed it, so when I realised it was going to be a once in a lifetime thing I resolved to go.

"The travel agents got the times of the planes wrong. Luckily I keep an Air UK timetable, so I checked and we got there on time, but it could have been a disaster.

"We spent one night in Amsterdam. We went to The Hague first thing in the morning and spent about two hours at the exhibition. After an hour and a half, there was a crush and we had to be patient. Nobody was telling you to hurry up, though: I felt there was a sort of bond between all the visitors.

"It was a revelation to me. His work was so open and impressionistic but only in this very controlled construction of the painting. You realise that a line of cobbles that look as if they have been painted meticulously are really just a dash of paint. There's such a relish for weight and the feeling of flesh."

Time to ponder: a visitor at the Mauritshuis Museum in The Hague; the exhibition closes on June 9

### JAN KING

garden designer
**cost of trip: not known**
**method of travel: plane**

JAN KING, 46, went with her husband Anthony, 62, Professor of Politics at Essex University.

"My husband organised the trip; he was extremely clever and managed to get two tickets for 9am entry from the Dutch Tourist Office. We stayed in The Hague at the Hotel Palais, which wasn't wonderful. We saw one half of the exhibition one day and the other half the next. I can't take in huge amounts of paintings all at once.

"I can't talk about the exhibition without sounding embarrassing. We both thought it was absolutely stunning. The paintings were really profoundly moving. Vermeer was light years away from his contemporaries, he was painting in an almost impressionistic kind of way.

"The crowds were extremely bothersome. I'm not small, but there were times when I simply couldn't see a thing. I had to wiggle under people's arms to get near the front.

"All the same, I was smitten. It was the best exhibition I have ever been to. Every time I think of it it brings tears to my eyes."

### ROSIE LOCKLEY

A-level student
**cost of trip: £300 each**
**method of travel: coach**

ROSIE LOCKLEY, 17, from Tunbridge Wells, went in April with her Uncle Jim.

"We went during my Easter holidays on a coach full of grannies, which went on Le Shuttle and to The Hague. We stayed near the exhibition. Our tickets were for 10am and we stayed for about half a day and after a while you couldn't move, but it was easy to forget about the other people.

"I didn't have a clue what to expect but I was really impressed. I want my own Vermeer now. My uncle was a bit irritating sometimes, he was trying to pick flaws in the paintings and he would say things like 'The perspective's not right', when to me it was just perfect. We both agreed that the pearl earring in the *Girl with the Pearl Earring* couldn't possibly be a pearl, it was a silver disc. You could get headphones with commentary but they weren't very informative."

### ARIEL CRITTAL

painter
**cost of trip: not known**
**method of travel: car and ferry**

"I AM 81, so getting to the Vermeer was a tremendous effort for me. But when you overcome these challenges you feel quite splendid. I went with my friend Orlando, who is 76.

"A friend who lives in The Hague lent us his house as he was away. On Saturday we went to Delft and on Sunday we went to the Vermeer. Our tickets were for 2pm. The exhibition was terribly crowded. My friend is diabetic and was about to give up on me, but I managed to pull him through the crowds to an empty window seat. Despite our difficulties, we had a lovely time."

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# When a friend's death becomes a rite of passage

## How prepared are we for the loss of our contemporaries?

JOHN O'LEARY

ONE OF my best friends died recently. He had been fighting a painful, debilitating and ultimately hopeless battle against cancer, so his death was hardly a shock. He was facing yet another operation and I was half expecting the call from his wife.

Yet the news still shook me to the core. It was nothing to do with the cliché about emphasising my mortality — I have never needed much reminding of that. Rather, it was that in my early forties, I am not prepared for the loss of contemporaries.

My father died suddenly five years ago, a moment that is one of the classic rites of passage. He, too, should have lived longer, but the shock and sorrow was of a different order. Right from childhood, we fear the death of a parent. But there is no genetic programming where friends are concerned.

Only a year ago Kevin was a fit, fun-loving family man with three school-age children and a promising career. Even as a student, when we shared a house, he never smoked. The injustice of his plight struck everyone during his long illness.

Nor could he have fought the disease more determinedly. Doctors marvelled at the way he survived the initial surgery and even managed a return to his beloved golf course before the recurrence we were all dreading. Even then, he refused to give in.

That male reserve reared its head again

Having drifted apart after university, we had seen little of each other. In typical male fashion, we never wrote and seldom phoned, but it hardly took a moment to pick up the threads. Kevin never changed: we would still disagree about politics and football, and love every minute of it.

My wife and I drove up to see him after the first operation, and found him weakened but by no means despondent. We tried to do normal things. He managed a short walk and talked of plans for an uncertain future: he came out for a meal, even though eating had ceased to be a pleasure. The laughter was still there, but it was harder to enjoy.

At the time there were still hopes of a recovery, yet I could not help but wonder if we would see him again. On the surface at least, Kevin was the least sentimental of men and the last thing he would have wanted was an emotional parting. We left him promising to visit us when he was stronger, but that time never came.

Instead there were months of tests, more surgery and heartache. Although he refused to be confined to bed, as he lost weight and speech became more difficult he became understandably reluctant to see visitors.

Our wives talked regularly. But that male reserve reared its head again and practically ended communication between us. I meant to write, or even send a jokey fax to help to keep his spirits up, but what could I say? The time for trivia seemed to have passed, and our relationship was such that anything deeper would have been akin to the last rites.

The funeral was agony, trying not to watch his family grieve, listening to an exquisitely moving poem by his son. Kevin could not have asked for more: the church packed for a non-religious service led by an understanding vicar and his local closed in his honour on a Saturday.

I still feel guilty at my inability to be more help, my only compensation that he would have understood, because he would probably have found it as difficult if roles had been reversed. I would like to think that the experience will make me better able to handle the loss of friends, but I doubt it.

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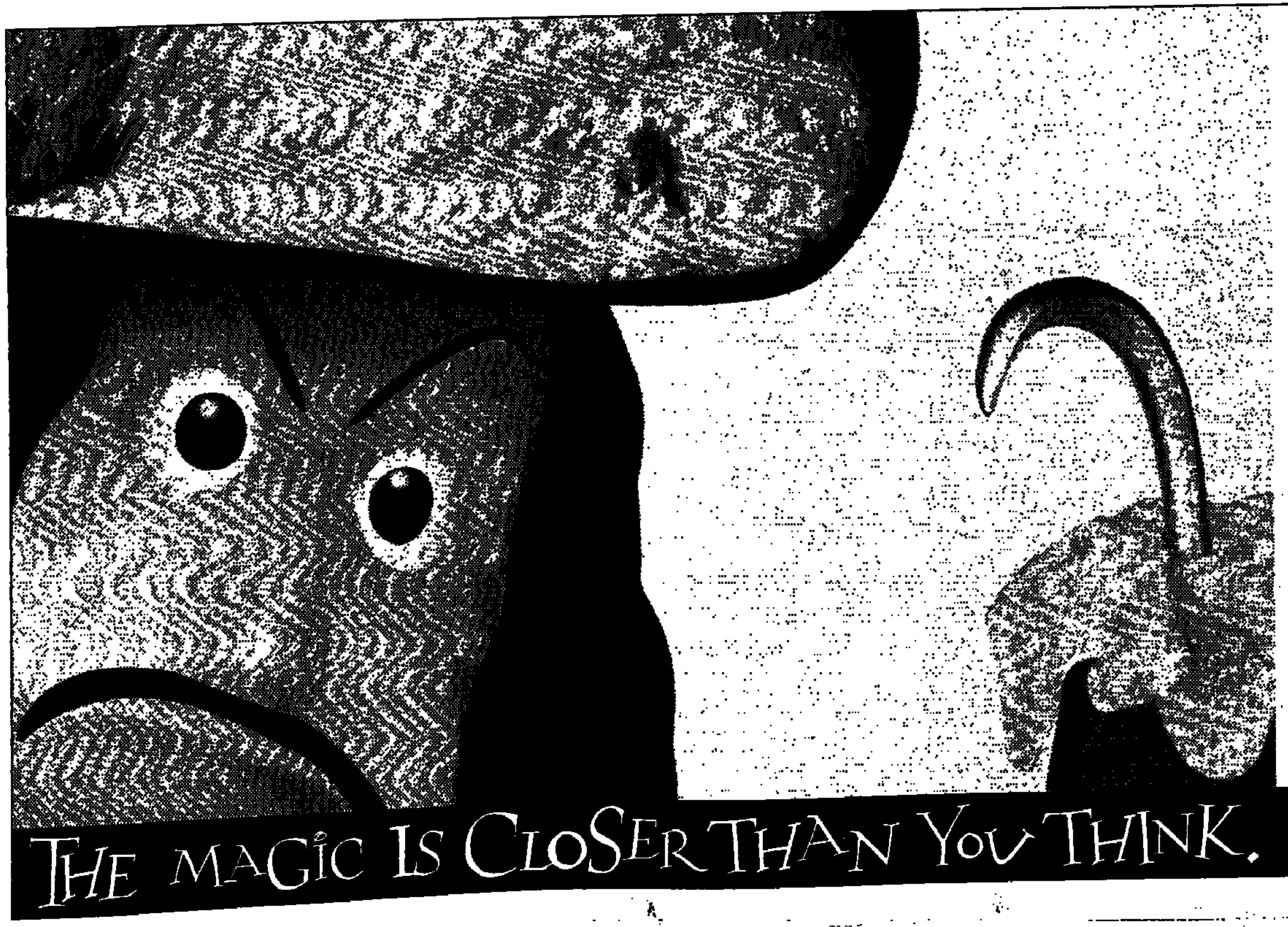

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# It's a long way to save the Union

**Conor Cruise O'Brien** on his metamorphosis from Irish nationalist to Unionist candidate

In Ireland, changing from nationalist to Unionist (or vice versa) is exceedingly rare, and is regarded as much more fundamental than a mere shift in party-political allegiance. It is more of a existential metamorphosis. So how did I come to be standing today as a Unionist candidate in the Northern Irish elections?

My family were all Irish nationalists. My maternal grandfather, David Sheehy, sat in the House of Commons from 1885 to 1918 as a member of the Irish Parliamentary Party, pledged to Home Rule. For most of my life I did not challenge the basic nationalist assumptions. The change began for me with the start of the Provisional IRA's offensive in 1971. That autumn, I spoke at the annual conference of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union against the release of Republican prisoners. Motions proposing such releases had always been carried by acclamation, without debate. My intervention, followed by similar moves, marked me out as the most determined opponent in the politics of the Republic of the whole Sinn Fein-IRA programme. But I was still far from being a Unionist.

The next stage in my metamorphosis came three years later, over Sunningdale. I was a member of the Irish Government at the time, and an enthusiast for what I regarded as the core of Sunningdale: the cross-community executive, composed of Unionists and nationalists. But I saw, and told my colleagues, that this was endangered by Dublin's insistence on the salience of a Council of Ireland, the symbolic harbinger of a united Ireland. I warned that insisting on the council would endanger the already precarious position of our indispensable partners, the Faulkner Unionists. None of my Cabinet colleagues was impressed by this argument. I sensed that they didn't much care what happened to *any* kind of Unionists. And as I looked at all those polite, closed faces, I remembered that all my colleagues had had exclusively Catholic educations, whereas I had been at a school and university of Protestant ethos: Sandford Park School and Trinity College Dublin. I began to feel existentially isolated.

After the collapse of the Joint Executive — which was followed by the electoral elimination of all the Faulkner Unionists — I was asked by a reporter what I was doing to bring about a united Ireland. I said I was not working for a united Ireland. I soon became an active opponent of the whole nationalist plan for Northern Ireland. I had ceased to be a nationalist, but I was not yet a Unionist.

The first big step in that direction was when I accepted — about six years ago — an invitation from the late Ian Gow to address the Friends of the Union at Westminster. I hesitated before accepting. When metamorphosis beckons, the prospect can be daunting. But a few months later when I heard that Ian Gow had been murdered by the IRA, I was glad that I had accepted.

For a time I rather cherished what I now see as a frail distinction. I was a Friend of the Union, but not myself a Unionist. But by 1995, when Robert McCartney asked me to join what turned out to be his successful campaign in the Westminster by-election for North Down, I was beginning to get fed up with such distinctions, and had no trouble in accepting.

By this time I was thoroughly disgusted by the condition of Irish nationalism. The old distinction between constitutional nationalism and the physical-force kind has disappeared. Sinn Fein is at the centre of the Irish nationalist version of the peace process. All the nationalist leaders now parrot Sinnfeinspeak, mostly without realising quite what they're doing. The Irish Government's role in its negotiations with the British Government is that of a messenger for Sinn Fein. It sits down with Sinn Fein to prepare drafts to try to sell to the British. The process, supposedly dedicated to peace and reconciliation, is really all about screwing the Unionists. The officials concerned acknowledge this, although never publicly. This month it was revealed in the *Irish Independent* that the object of the negotiations is to induce John Major to say something that will "infuriate the Unionists" and "drive David Trimble wild".

British withdrawal would mean civil war in Ireland

The IRA is playing cat-and-mouse, having found that violence is most effective when intermittent, as this gives Sinn Fein more scope for blackmail. The objective is to destabilise Northern Ireland and precipitate conflict between loyalist paramilitaries and British troops, so bringing about British withdrawal. This would mean civil war engulfing all Ireland, which is what Sinn Fein-IRA wants. Meanwhile the constitutional nationalists fail to see where all this is leading.

So my metamorphosis was both inevitable and attractive. When Bob McCartney invited me to be a candidate for the United Kingdom Unionists, the party he founded and leads, I joyfully accepted. If, as now seems probable, the party finishes in the top ten, I shall have a seat in the new forum, and shall be an adviser to Bob McCartney in the all-party negotiations.

Metamorphosis is not always a pleasant experience. Kafka, for one, hardly recommends it. But it has made me feel younger, and I hope I shall be elected. We shall know the results tomorrow. If I do win a place in the new forum, I look forward to helping to frustrate Gerry Adams's version of the "peace process".

# Is Clinton credible?

## Americans are not being told the whole truth about the President

**William Rees-Mogg**

On Tuesday, in Little Rock, Arkansas, Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, secured convictions on 24 charges of fraud, conspiracy and deceit against three close long-term associates of President Clinton. They were Jim Guy Tucker, until Tuesday Clinton's successor as the Democratic Governor of Arkansas, and James and Susan McDougal, Bill and Hillary Clinton's partners in the Whitewater land deal itself. The President testified by video at the trial, denying the claim of Judge Hale that as Governor he had improperly pressed him to make an illegal $300,000 loan. The President's evidence was rejected by the prosecutor and the jury. David Hale is another old crony of Bill Clinton who appointed him to the bench; he too has been convicted.

That evening I watched the CBS News, read by Dan Rather. The Whitewater convictions ran only second; they were referred to in the opening headlines, but did not start to run in full until halfway through the programme.

I remember from the early 1970s the press and television coverage of Watergate, when President Nixon was forced to resign. It is inconceivable that CBS would have handled a major development in that story in the same way. This week's convictions followed the guilty plea of Webb Hubbell, Hillary Clinton's partner in the Rose Law Firm. At least seven "friends of Bill" have now been convicted of serious crimes. Yet the CBS editors did not think the new convictions a big enough story to make their evening lead.

The Clinton character issue is complex and hard to follow, but America's establishment press has done a rotten job of investigating and reporting it. Serious allegations involving both Bill and Hillary extend back at least to the 1970s. They involve accusations of associations with criminals, fraud, corruption in political fundraising, tax offences, police and investigative cover-ups and the abuse of power, both when Clinton was Governor of Arkansas and since he has been President of the United States. They also involve Clinton's own sexual misdemeanours on an obsessive scale, and his evasiveness about them in public. Witnesses have died in mysterious circumstances and their deaths have not been properly investigated. The alleged criminal associations concern convicted fraudsters and drug-dealers.

In trying to disentangle these issues, one can usefully start with some of the unexplained deaths. The most extraordinary is the "suicide" of Vincent Foster, the Deputy White House Counsellor who died in suspicious circumstances in July 1993. His body was found in Fort Marcy Park, just outside Washington. He was stated to have committed suicide there as a result of depression. The allegations are that either he did commit suicide but the body was moved, or that he was murdered.

There are many difficulties with the official suicide story. The body was laid out in what was immediately seen to be an artificial manner; the earlier history of the gun has never been traced; the bullet has never been found; there was too little blood; such bloodstains as there were suggested that the body had been moved; there were many still unidentified carpet fibres on his clothing, including his underwear; witnesses disagreed about the site and size of the exit wound; there was no local soil on the soles of his shoes; the inquiry did not follow normal procedures; evidence has been lost; witnesses were not contacted or were misreported; there were two cars and at least two unknown men reported at the scene but neither the cars nor the men have been identified.

The White House reaction to the death was very strange. There are two pieces of evidence that the death was known in the White House well before the time at which it is supposed to have been reported. Contrary to proper procedure, Foster's office was searched by White House staff. Some of his papers were removed. His briefcase was then searched and found to be empty. Subsequently it was re-examined and found to contain torn scraps of a "suicide note", itself subsequently stated by three handwriting experts to be a forgery. These problems in the evidence do not prove that Foster was murdered, but they cast unresolved doubts on the "suicide" story.

On the other hand, Gerry Parks undoubtedly *was* murdered, in September 1993, in Little Rock; his murderer has never been found. He was shot from another car when driving home. Parks was the head of Clinton's campaign security team in the 1992 presidential election. His family believe he was murdered because he had kept an incriminating file on the President, which was subsequently stolen. There was a dispute about the payment of his bill for campaign services, and he may have tried to obtain payment by threatening blackmail.

Other suspicious deaths include the "suicide" of Kathy Ferguson (the ex-wife of the police officer who allegedly solicited Paula Jones), of Kathy's boyfriend, and of three black youths found dead in the region of Mena Airport. That was the airport used in the early 1980s by the subsequently murdered Barry Seal to fly arms to the Contras and cocaine into Arkansas. State trooper Brown has testified to Clinton's knowledge of the Mena activity.

The allegation is not that the President is some sort of a serial killer but that his network includes some dangerous and undesirable associates. He does not come from a respectable or, in American terms, normal world. His brother, his half-sister and, it is said, one of his stepfathers, have all served time for serious offences.

When Bill Clinton was Governor, the most serious allegations of corruption concerned the Arkansas Development Finance Agency, a honeypot which was put through the Arkansas legislature on a bill drafted by Webb Hubbell himself, whose family was the first to take out a development loan. The ADFA allegations include large loans to cronies, the failure to record loans, payments which were outside the statute, and kickbacks to political funds. As Governor, Clinton had absolute control of ADFA, which raised a total of $700 million in bonds, some of which were allegedly used for money-laundering.

Hillary Clinton is involved in a number of the allegations. She was herself a leading member of the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, with the convicted Webb Hubbell and the dead Vincent Foster among her partners. Many documents from that firm have been shredded. She helped to set up the Whitewater company. As a lawyer she represented James McDougal's fraudulent Savings and Loan company. She even failed to claim pretended Whitewater losses for tax, although she did remember to claim as a tax deduction Bill's used underpants, which he gave to a charity auction. Hillary supposedly turned $1,000 into $100,000 in commodity speculations set up by the lawyer for a wealthy Arkansas company. She lied about her role in Travelgate, when the Clintons used the law to dismiss seven innocent White House travel staff and replace them with cronies. She or her associates seem also to have concealed documents from investigators, which later turned up with her fingerprints on them.

One should not forget the dubious role of Dan Lasater, bond dealer, cocaine convict, employer and codefendant with Roger Clinton, Bill's brother. When Dan Lasater went to jail he gave a full power of attorney to run his business to Patsy Thomasson, whom Bill Clinton subsequently appointed as the White House administrator, a post she still holds. She was one of the people who searched Vincent Foster's office.

The character issue also concerns Bill Clinton's sex life. Paula Jones is suing him for sexual harassment. He never came clean about his relationship with his long-term mistress Gennifer Flowers — the man in the flat next door to hers had his spleen ruptured when he was beaten up by some heavies who suspected him of having entry videos showing Bill visiting Gennifer. Arkansas policemen have claimed that they pimped for Clinton up to a hundred times.

These are only some of the character issues, but they show how wide the allegations go. In many cases there is suspicion; in many cases there is evidence on the record; in some cases there have already been convictions. Respectable journalists, of liberal views, living comfortably in New York, still do not want to tell the American public what the allegations are, or what the evidence is. So it is still entirely possible that Clinton will be re-elected in November.

# Self-rule is not parochial

**Magnus Linklater** on Labour's grand design for Scotland

A momentary panic crossed the face of Brian Mawhinney as I approached him. He probably thought I was going to toss a pot of paint at him, whereas all I wanted to do was lodge a mild protest about the speech he had just made. In the course of a trenchant defence of the Union, the Conservative Party chairman had quoted from an article in *The Times* suggesting that not many people understood or were greatly interested in constitutional reform. He had, I thought, taken the paragraph in question out of context, and as its author I felt bound to remonstrate. He apologised but stuck to his guns. What followed was an enjoyable ding-dong about devolution and regionalism — much the same argument that Simon Jenkins and Matthew Parris have been waging in these columns recently.

Dr Mawhinney was saying that the constitutional changes Labour is contemplating, particularly the creation of a Scottish parliament, will end badly for all of us in the long run. They risk breaking up the United Kingdom, an arrangement which works perfectly well, and they will sour relations between the Scots and the English.

To reinforce this, Matthew Parris has tossed in some fairly contentious stuff about carping Scots and little Englanders, about the politics of the clenched fist and the outstretched palm. He sees devolution playing into the hands of the parochial and the small-minded. This is the kind of talk that whets the appetite for change among the Scots: at the very word parochial, the fiery cross is raised. If there is one thing they resent it is English condescension.

But Parris's argument is one for rather than against the devolution of power. Part of the attraction of a parliament in Edinburgh is that it could give the Scots greater responsibility for their own affairs, so ending the constant displacement of blame to Westminster. This is the opposite of parochialism. As to the charge that people are not interested in devolution, all one can say is that north of the border it has been part of the political currency for the best part of 20 years. It may not be more urgent than unemployment or health, but a consistent majority has made it clear that it is wanted. To ignore that wish may itself induce a greater instability than the reform itself.

The argument that underlies what Mawhinney and Parris are saying is more contentious. It is that those who support reform do not understand its consequences, so it would be wrong to introduce it. This is dangerous territory — to suggest that Scottish voters are too dumb to understand the issue is to add the charge of ignorance to that of parochialism. Voters understand the broad thrust of policies perfectly well. They expect politicians to attend to the detail, and are not worried about the longer term because it usually takes care of itself.

Of course there are huge problems to resolve, and it is high time that Tony Blair acknowledged rather than ignored them. But it is inadequate to say that they are insuperable, and that the whole game should be abandoned because there is still no satisfactory answer to the "West Lothian question" (so-called after Tam Dalyell, MP for West Lothian, who argued in the 1970s debates on devolution that no parliament would ever tolerate Scottish MPs debating English issues if English MPs had no reciprocal rights).

It is also argued that a Labour government could never contemplate cutting back its Scottish representation in the Commons, because this would permanently remove its majority. The debate would tie up endless parliamentary time, and the net result would be resentment on both sides, with the only winners being the Nationalists waiting in the wings for the whole edifice to collapse.

There is a more robust response, which Labour and the Liberal Democrats should be far more resolute in commending. All the major constitutional changes in Scotland have been made — usually by Tory governments — in stages, in response to clear needs. Problems have been solved in a strictly pragmatic way, and by and large the reforms have worked. This present reform is bigger but not impossibly so. The West Lothian question will be brushed aside for the first term of a Labour government while legislation is introduced; the Scottish representation in Westminster will be maintained, whatever the anomalies. Later on there will have to be some form of two-tier voting in the House, or a reduction in Scottish numbers. That in turn might lead eventually to some form of federal system. This may cause palpitations now, but who is to say what a future generation will make of it? Personally, I would support the tartan tax, because that is what will give a Scottish parliament real teeth, but in the end it is a matter for the voter.

I would certainly not be put off the grand design of a constitutional change that is in tune with much of what is happening in Europe and is clearly wanted by the Scottish people simply because it might irritate some English backbenchers. That is the politics of the wimp.

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## Fantasy football

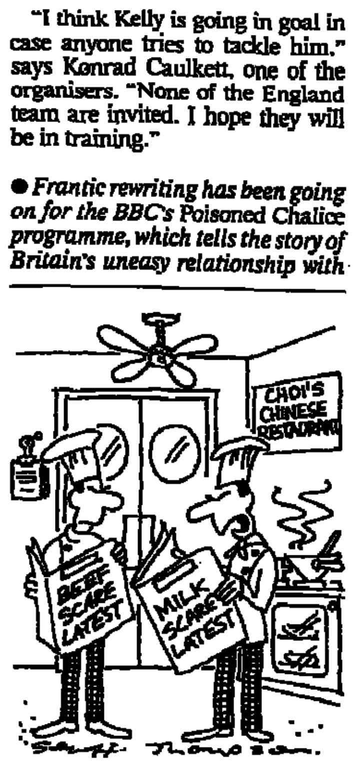
TOO much philosophy is behind the desperate indecision of the Football Association, now being manifested in its flustering about how to deal with Paul Gascoigne's mid-air rampage. Evidence comes this Saturday, only a week before the European Championship. Graham Kelly, the FA's pudding-faced chief executive will be appearing at the Royal Festival Hall to participate in Philosophy Football Europe United Day.

This preposterous event begins with Kelly, Rick Parry (chief executive of the Premier League) and Gordon Taylor (head of the players' union) discussing the philosophy of football with fans. A debate will then follow on the role literature can play in football — poems and the penalty kick, that sort of thing. The day will then climax with a four-a-side tournament to be held in the Festival Hall foyer.

Kelly, like Vladimir Nabokov and Pope John Paul II before him, will play in goal. He has promised to wear a shirt bearing the face of another great goalie, Albert Camus, while others will be sporting Wittgenstein and, bafflingly, Oscar Wilde.

"I think Kelly is going in goal in case anyone tries to tackle him," says Konrad Caulkett, one of the organisers. "None of the England team are invited. I hope they will be in training."

● *Frantic rewriting has been going on for the BBC's* Poisoned Chalice *programme, which tells the story of Britain's uneasy relationship with the EEC and EU. Since the Government's decision to use its blackball, Michael Elliott, the Editor of* Newsweek *and writer of the programme, has been desperately changing the ending to the final episode, to be aired tonight. The pay-off line had been John Major saying "The price of our place in Europe is incalculable" — but no one quite knows what he meant.*



*"That's the thing about food scares: as soon as one's over it's time for another"*

## Spell it out

NO WONDER Tony Blair decided not to send his son to a school in his home borough of Islington. In recent weeks, Islington council's education department has been sending out reams of faxes trumpeting its achievements under the heading "From Islington Educrtion".

"It's a basic programming problem," is how a council spokesman explains the misspelling. "We have had a word with the machine's administrator, and he is being sent for a half-term intensive spelling course." Not, one hopes, in one of Islington's schools.

● *Potential buyers of the Earl and Countess of Wilton's 18th-century vicarage in Essex have been intrigued by the staircase, which slopes sharply into the wall. "The wool merchant who built the house and his family all drank a lot," explains the Countess. "Every night they would stagger upstairs clinging to the wall, and after so many years the stairs just began to slope in."*

## Eton fives?

SNOOZING gently beneath a tree on Agar's Plough at Eton's Fourth of June yesterday was a tubby vicar. For four inky-fingered Etonians, however, he and the ivory-topped cane which lay behind him were irresistible prey.

Fuelled by a Range Rover full of Pimm's, they skulked up behind him, and before he could rise from his celestial reveries, they grabbed his cane and legged it.

They whizzed past the swooning blondes crowding around the Earl of Mornington, grandson of the Duke of Wellington, Captain of the Oppidans and teenage Apollo. Several members of Pop rocked tipsily on their New & Lingwood heels.

Enter one willowy mother. Straw hat akimbo, she strayed into the path of the oncoming miscreants. Their way blocked, they dropped their prize and scarpered. Peering over her glasses, she bent down like a drugged giraffe to examine the cane. At ground level, she was joined by the huffing vicar.

"I cursed the urchins," said the vicar, "and all this woman did was say 'Loopy Loo', ask me for a cigarette and lope off for another drink."

## Fruity number

*CATHOLICISM is a serious business* in Nereto in central Italy, where the fearsome Father Silvio de Gregoris has taken to thrusting apples at any women who dare to come to Mass in a mini-skirt. Last Sunday, as his altar-boys brandished the fruit at the culprits, he spoke intimidatingly of Adam and Eve and original sin. Eyelashes fluttered, and rising hemlines were wriggled back down.

By taking such a firm line on these things, Father De Gregoris, who would need a whole orchard for High Mass at the Brompton Oratory, is raising the spectre of the great hemlines scandal of 1969. Then, to the gasps of Europe's Catholic aristocracy, the Vatican barred entry to the Queen of Belgium, the Italian-born Donna Paola Ruffo di Calabria. She was told to go away and put on a skirt which covered her knees.

The Queen of Belgium: told *to cover her knees*

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# TEST OF NERVE

## Major must be patient and fight on

Each side in the beef dispute is testing the other's resolve. Yesterday, Jacques Santer, President of the Commission, deliberately chose to publicise an outburst against this country that he had made in a private meeting; Emma Bonino, Fisheries Commissioner, announced plans for a 40 per cent reduction in the national trawler fleet; other Commission officials announced discriminatory compensation terms for British cattle and gave the Ministry of Agriculture just one day to reveal details about possible contamination of baby milk. The Government meanwhile continues its campaign to obstruct European Union administration and policy initiatives.

It is important that John Major, having chosen this ground on which to highlight his impatience with European ambitions, should keep his nerve and hold his ground. He cannot expect instant approbation among voters to match the enthusiasm of his political and press support. Success must be judged in weeks rather than days.

Our MORI poll today, the first of voting intentions since the new stance was adopted, shows that so far Tory support has slipped slightly and that dissatisfaction with both the Government and the Prime Minister has grown. This has to be set beside Tuesday's NOP poll, showing 54 per cent supporting non-cooperation with only 33 per cent against. If the policy itself is popular, the government has not yet gained credit for it.

Perhaps the public is reluctant to back this Government however sensible its policies are. Some voters may be concentrating only on the beef issue itself: as we have argued in the past, this is hardly the perfect ground on which to do battle. Others may be sceptical — not without reason — of the Government's will to follow the policy through. But each day that passes and each decision that British ministers prevent from passing, should contribute to the Prime Minister's credibility and show supporters who may doubt him that their doubts are wrong.

Yesterday's attempt by European officials to discomfort Britain ought to harden public opinion in favour of Mr Major. Brussels clearly sees this as a fightback. But the more aggressive the Commission becomes, the harder it will be for Mr Major to climb down. If he is lucky, popular opinion will soon become infuriated with the Commission and swing behind him. If he is unlucky, unsupported, or simply incredible, his latest chance to rescue his political future will fail.

Support at home is crucial. If he wants to move to further stages in his redefinition of Britain's relations with the EU, he will almost certainly have to demonstrate the success of the policy at the polls. Enthusiastic integrationists, such as Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, were swung behind the non-cooperation policy because they saw its political attractions. Although they are both men who see a long and mainly economic path to the polling booths, neither would turn away a chance of boosting their party's popularity.

Mr Clarke gives notice in our interview with him today that he would prefer the non-cooperation to be ended as soon as possible, ideally before Florence. He is utterly against the demands being extended to include, say, repatriation of powers from Brussels. If the Prime Minister does indeed intend to widen his aims, he will run into opposition from his Chancellor and, possibly, his deputy, unless he can prove that he has read the national mood better than they have.

This policy was supposed to fire up the Tories in the polls so that they might have a chance of holding an early general election in the autumn. It was for that reason, as well as pressure from farming voters, that many on the Europhile wing of the party came out in its support. But if our poll is an early portent of others to come, the new-found unity will soon evaporate. Then the chances of an early election will vanish too.

# THE CREDIBILITY CHASM

## Whitewater and Clinton's conduct elevate character issues

As Bob Dole prepares to leave the Senate next month he faces bad and good news on his electoral prospects. The bad is the consensus that the November contest is Bill Clinton's to lose. The good is that recent events suggest this is what he might do.

The verdicts delivered by the Whitewater jury indicate, at a minimum, that the presidential testimony was not found fully compelling. Had the three defendants been acquitted, the White House would have claimed vindication.

Whitewater, however, is but one factor that raised doubts about the President. The extraordinary claim from his lawyers that the sexual harassment suit against him should be deferred, because as Commander-in-Chief he was protected under the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act 1940, has provoked the reaction it deserved. Republican commercials have ridiculed the notion while outraged veterans' organisations have demanded an apology. The White House has retreated but not retracted on the matter. The profile both of reports on Mr Clinton's private life and his failure to serve in the Vietnam War has thus been raised.

This concerted barrage of criticism would matter less if the President's political actions offered some sort of repudiation to a set of essentially personal accusations. Instead they reinforce it. In the last month he has embraced a conservative welfare reform plan elements of which he had already vetoed twice, abandoned the homosexual lobby — long amongst his most loyal — on the issue of same-sex marriages, and co-opted a Republican proposal to offer tax credits for adoptions, in which he had shown no previous interest. The First Lady compounded this volte-face with her sudden interest in a second little Clinton.

More orthodox Democrats have been rather uneasy about this willingness to trade policy positions for popularity. Their concerns extend to personnel matters. In 1993 the President reached for the Republican media operative, David Gergen, to reorganise his faltering Administration. The next year he appointed Robert Bennett, brother of former Republican Cabinet officer William Bennett, to be his personal lawyer, although he may now be regretting that move. By 1995 he had found a new pollster, Dick Morris, whose previous clients were invariably Republican. As one liberal commentator has noted, Mr Clinton appears happy to appease the right wing because all that seemingly matters is his residence of the White House west wing.

Character issues are always an element in presidential elections. That is quite proper given that the role is part symbolic head of state as well as head of government. Many Democrats were willing to ask questions about Ronald Reagan's qualities for office. They will find a formula for raising the question of Mr Dole's age this year. Nonetheless, it is the Clinton character which will come under scrutiny.

Some thirty years ago Lyndon Johnson's evasions over the direction of the Vietnam conflict brought the phrase "credibility gap" into the American political lexicon. Under Bill Clinton — another Southern Democrat with a probity problem — that gap has widened to a chasm. The electorate will decide what weight to give it.

# WEEK OF THE TIGER

## Big business and deep pockets could save the big cats

Powerful and threatening, the rising economies of the East have become known as the Asian tigers. Meanwhile the beasts whose qualities of ferocity and grace these states embody are themselves threatened by economic development. Across Asia the numbers of tigers are dwindling. The five different sub-species which still survive could be extinct by the end of the century. In an effort to safeguard the remaining population of the world's biggest cats the Federation of Zoos has nominated this week to be Tiger Week. It is appealing for money to help conservation and deserves the support of all who cherish the wild.

In antiquity the tiger roamed across Asia from the Caspian to the easternmmost Indies and the steppes. A fixture across that continent, the tiger entered Europe as a byword for brutality after Alexander the Great encountered it. Virgil had Dido accuse deserting Aeneas of the callousness of a man suckled by a Hyrcanian tiger. Chaucer's squire believed there was "noone so crueel beest" as the tygre. Since then the tiger's image has changed, magnificent still but inspiring wonder and even affection as well as fear. Through the sublimity of Blake's *Tyger*, *The Jungle Book* and the lithe creature of the Esso advertisements the tiger has kept its grip on the British imagination.

It has not, however, maintained its hold in its native home. There were more than 100,000 tigers at the turn of the century; now there are fewer than 5,000. Numbers are still declining. Evidence suggests that nearly 1,000 tigers have been killed in northern India in the past three years. Losses at that rate could see the number of beasts drop below sustainable levels very shortly.

Apparent reasons for the decline are various. Logging in Sumatra and Siberia to feed economic growth has reduced the tigers' habitat and made poaching easier. There are similar pressures to develop land in India. Among the newly wealthy nations of the East there is a distinctly old-fashioned demand for tiger skin and body parts to be used in oriental medicine. A Chinese pharmacopoeia of 1597 still in use today prescribes tiger brain mixed with oil as an embrocation to cure sloth and skin trouble. Demand for dead tiger is such that an average adult carcass can be stripped and all its parts sold for some $35,000.

To help preserve the tigers, money must be raised to protect their habitat and stop the poachers. Esso, which has ridden to commercial success on the tiger's back, is contributing handsomely to Tiger Week. Its parent company has spent $ 5million on tiger conservation already. But more is needed, to equip an anti-poaching team in Siberia, provide rangers in India, research in Sumatra and support the breeding of tigers in captivity. Critics want every penny spent in the wild, but given the threat to the species it seems wise to ensure that, at the very least, some survive even if behind bars. One day, perhaps, when the causes of their decline are reversed tigers born in Regent's Park may reclaim the jungle crown.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Top brass salvo on Forces pensions

*From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton and others*

Sir, Ugly rumours have come to our ears that the Government is hoping to economise on pensions for the Armed Forces and their dependants in a new Armed Forces pensions scheme, which the Ministry of Defence is devising in the light of both an in-house review and the Bett report on conditions of service (report, May 2). Whether or not this is true, we urge that any new scheme should be opened to discussion in Parliament and public before it is finalised.

We are particularly concerned that the opportunity of its introduction should be taken to remedy certain injustices of the current scheme as it applies to the past. They are:

1. Whereas widows of servicemen who retired in and after 1973 can receive a pension of half the rate of their late husband's pension, those whose husbands retired before then receive only a one-third rate pension;
2. Anomalies arising out of pay-freezes, especially in 1976/77, whereby those retiring in certain years receive a smaller pension than those who retired earlier, should be remedied;
3. The widows of post-retirement marriages, whose husbands retired before 1978, should qualify for a pension to bring them into line with those whose husbands retired thereafter.

Two of these injustices would have been remedied last year by the proposed amendments to the Pensions Bill in the House of Lords which, on the Government's advice, were rejected by the House of Commons.

We also draw attention to the fact that, although a serviceman's pay is "abated" as a notional contribution to his pension scheme, he receives no immediate benefit from it unless he serves to pensionable age, which many do not. This is particularly hard on those in the ranks, few of whom serve for 22 years to qualify for an immediate pension. In any event, the compulsory abatement of a serviceman's pay must be acknowledged as the serviceman's contribution to a future pension.

Any new pension scheme must recognise the unique character of the Armed Forces, which cannot be equated, as the Treasury argues, with other public services. The new scheme must recognise the special requirement to provide for compulsory early retirement in order to ensure that our serving sailors, soldiers and airmen are young and fighting fit.

Yours faithfully,
HILL-NORTON
(Chief of Defence Staff, 1971-73),
CARVER
(Chief of Defence Staff, 1973-76),
LEWIN
(Chief of Defence Staff, 1979-82),
BRAMALL
(Chief of Defence Staff, 1982-85),
CRAIG
(Chief of Defence Staff, 1988-91),
House of Lords.
May 29.

## Witness support

*From the President of the British Psychological Society*

Sir, While I am in complete agreement with Ruth Pitter (letter, May 21) about the useful training provided by the Crown Court witness service, there is one category of witness who I believe does require specific training.

Evidence of expert witnesses is often vital to the outcome of due process. Therefore, how evidence is prepared and delivered, as well as how questions are answered and how cross-examination is handled, are crucial issues. These matters can and need to be covered in training courses, especially for the expert who is giving evidence for the first time.

The British Psychological Society has developed such a training package, under the title of "Expert testimony: developing witness skills".

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET McALLISTER,
President,
The British Psychological Society,
St Andrews House,
48 Princes Road East,
Leicester.
May 21.

## Student loans

*From Mr Colin Ward*

Sir, Far from being on the verge of collapse because graduates have been unable to repay their student loans, as you report (earlier editions, May 21), the Student Loan Company is continuing to expand and improve the service we offer our customers.

The regulations governing the student loans scheme include provisions enabling any borrower whose income is less than 85 per cent of average earnings (currently some £15,200) to defer their repayments. The vast majority of borrowers who *are* due to make repayments are doing so: as at March 31 this year this company had collected over 94 per cent of all monies due.

We are currently administering over 1.2 million accounts and have paid out over 500,000 loans so far this academic year.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN WARD
(Chief Executive),
Student Loans Company Limited,
100 Bothwell Street, Glasgow 2.
May 23.

## Prejudice, fear and ignorance that exacerbate beef crisis

*From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)*

Sir, Two aspects of the Prime Minister's new approach towards Europe deserve our support. One is his sending of various ministers to the capitals of Europe to explain our case for the removal of the beef ban. The other is his decision to take that ban to the European Court of Justice to have it ruled illegal.

He has a strong argument under Single Market rules. Other countries have no more right to protect their own commercial interest by refusing our exports of food than they have to stop trade in cars or soap. Their fearful reactions, we can point out, are causing great damage to their domestic farming industries. We are all in this together.

It is odd, therefore, that such admirable and sensible actions are in direct conflict with the Government's stated policy of non-cooperation. Moreover, by seeking the help of the European Court, ministers are acknowledging its importance. The enhancement of the court's powers in the Maastricht treaty resulted from direct pressure from John Major: so why now allow the Home Secretary to demand "their repatriation"? It doesn't make sense.

Incidentally, what a good thing these issues are decided in Europe by majority voting. Were vetoes in play we would *never* get the ban lifted. Has anybody in Whitehall thought of that, when the veto is held up as the best way to protect British interests?

Confused? You bet. So are my Derbyshire farmers. And, it appears, Mr Blair: But so are many Tories who deplore the outrageous attacks on the European Union when the causes and cure of the beef problem are closer to home. Particularly when they emanate from a Government whose leader proudly proclaimed on taking office that our country's place was at the very heart of Europe.

Yours faithfully,
EDWINA CURRIE,
House of Commons.
May 28.

*From Mr Christopher Booker*

Sir, You report (earlier editions, May 28) the fear of environmental health officials that "unscrupulous farmers" may exploit a "loophole in the hygiene regulations" to sell "contaminated meat" from cattle over 30 months old.

What a telling instance this is of the way the BSE madness compounds itself. The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health has no grounds whatever for describing such meat as "contaminated". Back in March the Government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee merely recommended that, to be on the safe side, meat from cattle over 30 months should be deboned before it was sold. At the time ministers emphasised that such meat was perfectly safe to eat, and this was confirmed by the World Health Organisation.

But then those same ministers quite arbitrarily decided that all such cattle should be destroyed, not for health reasons but as a measure to "restore consumer confidence", not least with the European Community. And so subtly does one half-baked assumption slide into the next that two months later supposedly responsible health officials can cheerfully describe all such meat as "contaminated". How can we ever escape from this self-reinforcing cycle of lunacy?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BOOKER,
The Old Rectory, Litton, Bath.
May 28.

*From Mr M. J. Copley*

Sir, Perhaps John Major recalls that in 1965 President Charles de Gaulle successfully used the tactic of withdrawing French co-operation from the EEC over an issue he considered to be of vital national interest. The Prime Minister may also have noted that less than a year after the "crisis of the empty chair" de Gaulle was re-elected for a new term in office. Another precedent?

Yours faithfully,
M. J. COPLEY,
31 The Cricketers,
Kirkstall Lane,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
May 25.

*From Mr S. P. Hodson Pressinger*

Sir, Our Government surely must take a closer account of international opinion on the eradication of BSE. In its apparent insensitivity to foreign consumers' genuine fears and in its failure to approve additional measures to remove BSE from the food chain it undermines both the force of scientific logic and its own legal case in winning back global confidence in British beef.

Yours faithfully,
SELWYN HODSON PRESSINGER,
4 Lyall Street, SW1.
May 28.

*From Mr Neil Datson*

Sir, BSE is predominantly a British problem. But Mr John Murray and your other correspondents of May 25 might ask why it is *so* predominantly a British problem. Simply, because the UK is the only country in the EU that is looking for it. Switzerland, whose control measures mirror those of the UK, has found 211 cases: more than the whole of the EU except Britain. How strange.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL DATSON,
Glebe Farm, Spelsbury, Oxford.
May 29.

*From Professor Emeritus S. John Pirt*

Sir, William Rees-Mogg has done us a service by attending the Royal Society of Medicine meeting on BSE and writing a valuable account of it (article, May 20). The aspect which concerns me, as a microbiologist, is the sparsity of knowledge about BSE.

The outstanding fact is that we do not yet know what is the disease agent, and until we *do* there seems little hope that the crisis will go away. Clearly the efforts made so far to identify the agent have not been commensurate with the size of the problem. This is not surprising, given the Government's commitment to cut back on scientific research as much as possible.

Much more could be done to accelerate research into BSE. It should be possible to find ways and means, probably using a tissue-culture system in place of animals, to reduce the time required for infection tests to weeks or days instead of years.

To target the causative agent of BSE, I advocate the formation of a task force of about 200 scientists and technicians to supplement the small isolated groups now at work on the problem. Given enlightened leadership, the task force ought to solve the problem in two to three years. That would cost only about £10 million per year, a trivial amount compared with the cost of BSE. However, I would also add a further £10 million to be paid out, tax free, to all members of the task force, in proportion to the income they derive from it, if they reach their target within three years. What is sauce for, say, the merchant banker, is sauce for the scientist.

Once the causative agent has been discovered, the necessary means to identify the limits to the disease and bring it under control should be rapidly found.

Yours faithfully,
S. JOHN PIRT
(Emeritus Professor of Microbiology),
25 The Struet, Brecon, Powys.
May 21.

## British Library science

*From the Chief Executive of the British Library*

Sir, Mr Richard Gallafent's proposal (letter, May 21) for the return of most of the British Library's science holdings to the Department of Trade and Industry, in order to relieve pressure on our new building in St Pancras, would exacerbate the BL's resource problem.

Not only would an alternative host institution have to find massive start-up costs, but significant economies of scale — for cataloguing, acquisitions and storage, for example — would be lost.

It is true that we worry about readers' space at St Pancras. Broadly speaking, over the past five years demand on reader spaces in our existing London reading rooms has increased by 9 per cent. But demand for services which do not necessitate visiting our buildings, such as document supply, bibliographic reference and business information, has grown by 18 per cent. We expect that divergent trend to continue.

As far as patents are concerned, in which Mr Gallafent has a specific interest, over 2.5 million current patents are now stored in Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on CD-Rom. These can be accessed conveniently without having to visit the building.

The BL plays a critical role in supporting the British economy, its educational capacity and its cultural enrichment, in part because of the wide-ranging nature of its collections. Hiving off science and technology from the British Library would do great harm to the provision of information in this country for business, science and industry.

The move to St Pancras will allow us to bring together in one highly automated building most of those disparate collections and services now spread across London, and will enable us to provide the service which UK industry will need in the 21st century.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN LANG,
Chief Executive,
The British Library,
96 Euston Road, NW1.
May 23.

*From Mr Stephen Bartlett*

Sir, Mr Gallafent's proposal that the British Library's science holdings should stay put in Southampton Buildings, Holborn, whether or not under the aegis of the DTI, must have caused many regular users (like myself) to drop their breakfast toast (butter-side down), faint with horror. I trust that it will go no further.

Firstly, not all the library's science holdings are housed at Holborn: biomedical and other subjects are kept at the Aldwych reading room. The subject split — eg, chemistry (Holborn) and biochemistry (Aldwych) — is unavoidably arbitrary, forcing many of us to oscillate between the two with great frequency (like delocalised electrons?). Merely bringing these under one roof in the new building at St Pancras will constitute a devoutly hoped-for improvement in working efficiency.

Secondly, both the Holborn and Aldwych premises are extremely uncomfortable, particularly the basement at Holborn, which houses the business collection. Surely Mr Gallafent does not wish to deny both readers and staff the enormous improvement in this respect that any new building must offer?

No, onwards to St Pancras, please, as quickly as possible — even if we have to stand while reading. Surely a few pence could be spared to purchase a lectern or two?

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN BARTLETT,
6 Royston Court, Lichfield Road,
Kew Gardens, Surrey.
May 21.

## Activists and Blair

*From the Chair of Labour Reform*

Sir, Your report of May 24, headed "'Authoritarian' Blair angers Labour activists", reflected many of the concerns of our members. However, to state that "activists have clashed with Tony Blair" misrepresents Labour Reform, a network always careful to avoid personality politics.

We are promoting a thoughtful and considered debate on policy mechanisms and party structures. Our sole aim is to ensure that Labour enters the next century as a party for the many, not just for the few, firmly rooted in the community and committed to ensuring that *all* its members have a genuine stake in its future.

Our members, both from the Left and from the Right, are in the mainstream of the party. Our main aim at present is the return of a Labour Government at the next election and to see Tony Blair installed as Prime Minister. Far from opposing Mr Blair, we will all be working hard to achieve the Labour victory which we believe to be crucial for the future of this country.

Yours sincerely,
ANDY HOWELL,
Chair,
Labour Reform,
PO Box 5219, Birmingham B13 8DY.
May 24.

## Road signs

*From Mrs Alexandra Scott*

Sir, Today a lorry driver blew me a kiss as I let him out at a busy junction. I am now confused. Was this motoring manners or sexual harassment?

Yours sincerely,
ALEXANDRA SCOTT,
Lea Bank, Tredington,
Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.
May 22.

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## Sounds right

*From Mr George Chandler*

Sir, Mr John Rowe Townsend (letter, May 16) will be pleased to learn that, in the shires, popular recognition of some hitherto-neglected musicians is growing.

Amongst the audience at a recent musical concert, according to our local weekly the *Reading Chronicle*, was the celebrated guest Lady Barbara Olly.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE CHANDLER,
52 Chazey Road,
Caversham,
Reading, Berkshire.
May 16.

## Biter bit

*From Mr Malcolm Ginsberg*

Sir, Harvey Elliott's interesting article, "Does air travel have a future?" (Travel, May 23), highlights the influence of the small, highly articulate anti-airport lobby. Can I make a practical suggestion: let the airlines draw up a blacklist of those who are opposed to airports. Upon checking in for their next holiday flight an alarm would function on the computer and the passenger would be informed that, as they were opposed to airport development, the airline was refusing them travel.

Yours etc,
MALCOLM GINSBERG (Editor),
*Flight International Directories*,
PO Box 1315,
Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.
May 23.

## Fortunes of war

*From Professor James S. Harrison*

Sir, So, it is "hard cheese" (letter, May 25) that Napoleon got bogged down in the mud at Waterloo. Or, as Maréchal Bosquet nearly said on a later occasion: "*C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas Gruyère.*"

Yours faithfully,
JAMES S. HARRISON,
Hetton Lawn, Cudnall Street,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
May 25.

# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 28: The Princess Royal today visited Aberdeen and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen (Mrs Margaret Farquhar, the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness this morning opened Kvaerner National Limited, Howemoss Terrace, Kirkhill Industrial Estate, Dyce.

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited BPB Davidson, Mugiemoss Mills, Bucksburn.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Scottish Institute of Sports Medicine and Sports Science, later chaired the second meeting of the Advisory Council of the Institute at the University of Aberdeen, Old Aberdeen Campus.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Victim Support Scotland, afterwards visited the Aberdeen Victim Support Scheme at 4 Albyn Place.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 29: Sir Cuthbert Sebastian was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as Governor-General of St Kitts and Nevis.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, received Colonel Donald Fenwick (Honorary Colonel, Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps).

Mrs Fenwick was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Robert Gieve (President, the Royal Warrant Holders Association) was received by The Queen and presented a gift to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Seventieth Birthday.

Mrs Margaret Barbour (Past President), Mr Samuel Twining (Honorary Treasurer) and Colonel Christopher Pickup (Secretary) were present.

The Queen received Fellows participating in the Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship Scheme to promote Commonwealth Understanding.

Dr Humayun Khan (Director of the Commonwealth Foundation) was present.

Her Majesty, Patron, this evening attended a Reception given by the Royal School of Church Music at St James's Palace and was received by the Director (Mr Harry Bramma).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 29: The Duke of York today visited York to mark the Six Hundredth Anniversary of the granting of the first Charter and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

His Royal Highness this morning visited an exhibition of local enterprise in the Guildhall.

The Duke of York afterwards opened the new One-Step community centre.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Assembly Rooms.

The Duke of York later visited the urban regeneration project at Bell Farm Housing Estate.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner in Merchant Adventurers' Hall.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 29: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Agricultural Society of England, today attended the President's Day at the Moredon Foundation, Pentlands Science Park, Penicuik, Midlothian.

Her Royal Highness this evening opened the display by Henry Poole and Company in the Textile and Dress Department, Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited the Horse Rangers Association at their Headquarters, The Royal Mews, Hampton Court Palace.

## Royal engagements

The Queen will give a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.30 to mark the 1996 quinquennial conference of the Royal Life Saving Society.

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will open a new library at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, at 10.20; will unveil a commemorative plaque to Dame Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox at Aldford House, Park Lane, at noon; will attend a reception at Grosvenor House Hotel at 12.10; as President of Bafta, will attend the Carl and Eve Foreman awards luncheon at 195 Piccadilly at 12.45; and as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend an industry committee meeting for the first launch of a corporate membership scheme at Buckingham Palace at 3.00. Later, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, she will attend an evening reception at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors at 6.30 to mark their twenty first anniversary.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, will visit the society's home, Redcot, Haslemere, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Royal Bath and West of England Society's annual show, at the showground, Shepton Mallet, at 10.30.

## Luncheon

**Carlton Club Political Committee**
Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Carlton Club Political Committee held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the committee, presided. Mr Oliver Pawle also spoke.

## Oxford University

Merton College
Promotion
To an Exhibition: Miss A.L. Goodman, formerly of Manchester Girls' High School.

## Birthdays today

Mr W.P. Cleland, thoracic surgeon, 84; Mr Ray Cooney, theatrical producer, 64; the Marquess of Ely, 83; Mr Harry Enfield, writer, actor and comedian, 35; Mr Andrew Farrell, rugby league player, 21; the Right Rev J.W. Gladwin, Bishop of Guildford, 54; Mr Richard Hannon, racehorse trainer, 51; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, 76; Sir David Knox, MP, 63; Mr Barry Legg, MP, 47; Mr Timothy Llewellyn, director, Henry Moore Foundation, 49; Sir Ian Lloyd, former MP, 75; Dr John Marks, former chairman, British Medical Association, 71; Dr R.G.G. Mercer, headmaster, Stonyhurst College, 47; Mr A.R. Moore, diplomat, 78; Mr Colin Myler, managing director, Daily Mirror, 44; Sir Duncan Nichol, former chief executive, National Health Service Management Executive, 55; Lord Richard, QC, 64; Professor John Richmond, former President, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 70; Mr Rowland Sanders, lawyer, 100; Mr Tim Waterstone, bookseller, 57; Mr Phillip Whitehead, MEP, 59; Mr Bob Willis, cricketer, 47; Sir Frederick Wood, honorary life president, Croda International, 70.

MICHAEL POWELL

The sculptor Vivien Mallock with Major-General Peter Martin, president of the Normandy Veterans Association, at the Imperial War Museum yesterday in front of a tank used by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein ("Monty"), commander of Allied Land Forces in the liberation of Normandy. They were announcing that Prince Michael of Kent is to unveil a statue of Monty by Mrs Mallock in Normandy on June 6, the 52nd anniversary of D-Day, at the small town of Colleville-Montgomery. The town changed its name in 1946 in honour of Monty

## Lloyd of Kilgerran Prize 1996

**Foundation for Science and Technology**
Professor Sir William Stewart and Dr W. Graham Richards are the winners of the 1996 Lloyd of Kilgerran Prize of the Foundation for Science and Technology, which is, unusually, awarding two prizes this year. Professor Stewart was the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser and was especially recommended for the prize for his work introducing the Technology Foresight Programme. Dr Richards, of the Physical and Theoretical Chemistry Laboratory, Oxford University, is a pioneer of computer-aided molecular design.

The prize of £2,000 is awarded annually to commemorate the late Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, first President of the Foundation for Science and Technology.

## Latest wills

Professor Elfyn John **Richards**, of Romsey, Hampshire, aeronautical engineer, Vice-Chancellor of Loughborough University 1967-73, left estate valued at £110,952 net.

Mr Reginald Harold **Blofeld**, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £4,310,435 net.

Dorothy Isobel **Thomson**, of Southbourne, Bournemouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £2,457,135 net.

She left a number of personal bequests, and the residue equally between the NSPCC, Spastics Society, RSPCA, Help the Aged, Cancer Research Campaign, Save the Children Fund and the RNIB.

Other estates include, net before tax:

Mr William Andrew Gordon **Cumming**, of Farnham, Surrey £639,445.

Mr Henry James **Holloway**, of Church Brampton, Northamptonshire ............ £952,819.

Mrs Mary Violet **King**, of Thornton Heath, Surrey ............ £610,414.

Mr John Mather **Morfitt**, of Wolverhampton, West Midlands £634,909.

Mr Patrick Evelyn **Nesbitt**, of Elstead, West Sussex ............ £802,211.

Mr Hugh Herbert **Rose**, of London SW3 ............ £2,799,524.

Mr William Thomas **Rowland**, of Long Whatton, Leicestershire £748,455.

Ethel Marion **Vokins**, of Brighton, East Sussex ............ £703,249

Miriam Gwyneth **Wallis**, of Bodmin, Cornwall ............ £653,148.

## University news

**King's College London**
Recent grants include:
**School of Humanities**
Geography
Professor J B Thornes 290,000 Ecu (European Commission) to support a research project entitled *Concerted action on: desertification and its relevance to contemporary environmental problems in the Mediterranean.*
Professor J B Thornes 811,745 Ecu (European Commission) to support a research project entitled *Mediterranean desertification and land use: MEDALUS III: project 4 ephemeral channels and rivers.*
Philosophy
Professor R R K Sorabji, £146,102 (British Academy (Humanities Research Board)) HEFCE/HRB Institutional Fellowships Award 1995/96: Ancient Commentators.
Professor R R K Sorabji, £128,693 (British Academy (Humanities Research Board)) British Academy Wolfson Research Professorship.
**School of Life, Basic Medical and Health Sciences**
Life Sciences Division (includes Monitoring & Assessment Research Centre).
Professor N A Staines, Mr F J Ward, £42,195 (Arthritis and Rheumatism Council) Contribution towards the purchase of a HPLC system and automated peptide synthesiser.
Professor D O Hall, 119,933 Ecu (European Commission) to support a research project entitled *Total costs and benefits of biomass in selected regions of the European Union.*
Professor P J Whitfield, £20,691 (Sir Halley Stewart Trust) to support a research project entitled *To investigate the pharmacology and therapeutic efficacy of the analogues of Atanine.*
Biomedical Sciences Division
Anatomy & Human Biology Group (includes Developmental Biology Research Centre)
Dr M Maden (DBRC), £143,339 (Wellcome Trust) to support a research project entitled *The genetic specification of CNS development: neuronal and neural crest phenotype in the developing hindbrain.*
Professor L R Fraser, £157,363 (Wellcome Trust) to support a research project entitled *Mechanisms of action of fertilisation promoting peptide, a TRH-related tripeptide, in mammalian spermatozoa.*
Molecular Biology and Biophysics Group
Dr A R Dluzewski, Professor R M Simmons, £85,820 (Wellcome Trust) to support a research project entitled *Metabolic control of malarial invasion.*
Pharmacology Group
Professor C P Page, £173,644 (Purdue Frederick Company) to support a research project entitled *The role of PDB isozymes and inhibitors in allergic inflammation and asthma.*
Professor P G Jenner, $400,000 (National Parkinson Foundation Incls.) to support research on Parkinson's disease.
Physiology Group (includes Vascular Biology Research Centre)
Dr D E M Dolman, Dr N J Abbott, £153,519 (Wellcome Trust) to support a research fellowship entitled *Ion transport by the brain endothelium and its modulation: studies on in vitro models of the blood-brain barrier.*
Dr C P D Wheeler-Jones (VBRC) Professor J D Pearson (VBRC), £126,843 (British Heart Foundation) Intermediate Research Fellowship awarded to Dr C P D Wheeler-Jones.
*Mr P Cesare, Professor P* McNaughton, 80,036 Ecu (European Commission (TMR Programme)) to support a research studentship entitled *Sensory transduction in pain-sensitive neurones.*
Physiotherapy Group
Dr M V Hurley, £158,562 (South and West Regional Health Authority) to support a research project entitled *NHS National Physical and Complex Disabilities R & D Programme: rehabilitation of patients with rheumatoid arthritis.*
Nursing & Midwifery Division (includes Nightingale Institute)
Dr J Meyer, £99,953 (Department of Health) to support a research project entitled *Building partnerships for success: community care development programme.*
*Health Sciences Division*
Age Concern Institute of Gerontology
Professor A Tinker, Dr C Jarvis, £24,620 (ESRC) to support a research project entitled *Past, present and projected trends in old age morbidity.*
**School of Medicine & Dentistry**
Immunology
Professor D Vergani, £102,797 (British Diabetic Association) to support a research project entitled *The role of molecular mimicry between MHC and autoantigenic peptides in the pathogenesis of autoimmune diabetes.*
Medicine
Professor B M Hendry, £140,000 (BUPA Medical Foundation Limited / Welton Foundation / King's Medical Research Trust) to support a project entitled *A study of the actions of endothelin on renal cell calcium*
Dr P M W Bath, £79,771 (NHS Executive (R & D Programme) to support a research project entitled *Early prediction of rehabilitation needs following acute stroke*
Dr P Banga £112,827 (British Diabetic Association) to support a research project entitled *A novel mutant of glumatic acid decarboxylase 65 that lacks enzyme activity and reactivity*
Neurology
Professor C D Binnie, £100,000 (Trust Fund for Epilepsy) to support a research project entitled *Transitory Cognitive Impairment (TCI) in children*
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Professor J Langdon, Dr M Partridge, £79,991 (South Thames Regional Health Authority) to support a research project entitled *Molecular genetics for the management of patients with oral malignancy*
**School of Physical Sciences and Engineering**
Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Dr S A Velastin, Professor A C Davies, 125,257 Ecu (European Commission) to support a research project entitled *Crowd management with telematic imaging and communications assistance*
Professor A J Rogers, Dr V A Handerek, 245,460 Ecu (European Commission) to support a research project entitled *Multigigabit interconnection using dispersion compensation and advanced soliton techniques.*
Dr V A Handerek, 300,700 Ecu (European Commission) to support a research project entitled *Fibre optic strain monitoring at elevated temperatures*
Mathematics
Dr G M T Watts, £103,252 (EPSRC) EPSRC Advanced Fellowship
Physics
Professor E R Pike, Dr S Sarkar, *£131,911 (EPSRC) to support a* research project entitled *Dynamical properties of high Tc superconductors and strongly correlated electron systems*
Dr K Jauregui, Professor J Jefferson, 91,224 Ecu (European Commission (TMR Programme)) to support a research fellowship entitled *The strongly correlated electron problem: from the hubbard model to quantum dots.*

Grand total awarded in the quarter to January 31, 1996: £6,143,142.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Roger Newdigate, antiquary, Arbury, Warwickshire, 1719; Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate 1896-1913, Leeds, 1835; Hermann Adler, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire 1891-1911, Hanover, 1839; Peter Carl Fabergé, goldsmith, St Petersburg, 1846; Benny Goodman, clarinettist, Chicago, 1909.

DEATHS: St Joan of Arc, burnt at the stake, Rouen, 1431; Christopher Marlowe, playwright, London, 1593; Sir Peter Paul Rubens, painter, Antwerp, 1640; Alexander Pope, poet, London, 1744; François Boucher, painter, Paris, 1770; Voltaire, author and philosopher, Paris, 1778; Thomas Chalmers, first Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland (1843-47), Edinburgh, 1847; James Robinson Planché, dramatist, Chelsea, 1880; Wilbur Wright, pioneer of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, 1912; Hermann Broch, writer, New Haven, Connecticut, 1951; Boris Pasternak, novelist, Nobel laureate 1958, Peredelkino, Russia, 1960; Roy Plomley, creator of *Desert Island Discs*, London, 1985.

Jane Seymour became Henry VIII's third wife, 1536.

The Grenadier Guards were formed, 1656.

The first experimental hovercraft, designed by Sir Christopher Cockerell and built by Saunders-Roe, was launched at Cowes, Isle of Wight, 1959.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J.L. Baxendale**
**and Mlle V.N. Bouchet**
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Baxendale, of Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire, and Valérie, daughter of M and Mme Eugene Bouchet, of Paris.

**Mr T.D. Cecil**
**and Dr A.J.N. Wyborn**
The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.H. Cecil, of East Molesey, Surrey, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.R. Wyborn, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

**Mr P.D.H. Kininmonth**
**and Miss A.F.C. Thompson**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kininmonth, of Ashmore, Dorset, and Annie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Thompson, of East Lulworth, Dorset.

**Mr A. Kubli**
**and Miss N. Osterwalder**
The marriage between Nicole Osterwalder and Alex Kubli will take place June 1, 1996, at Kyburg, Switzerland. R.R. Balz Fitze will officiate.

**The Rev R.A.R. MacLeod**
**and Miss A. MacDonald**
The engagement is announced between Rory, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald A. MacLeod, of Kinlochfollart, Isle of Skye, and Annice, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair M. MacDonald, of Grimshader, Isle of Lewis.

**Mr I.E. Parkinson**
**and Miss P.C.S. Denness**
Mr and Mrs Tony Denness, of Leppington, North Yorkshire, are very delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Pam, to Ian, son of Mr and Mrs David Parkinson, of Cottingham, Hull.

## Marriages

**Major G.A.C. Ramsay**
**and Miss G.M. Wedderburn**
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 25, 1996, in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, of Major Greville Ramsay, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, youngest son of the late Alan Ramsay and of Mrs Frances Beveridge, and Miss Gabrielle Wedderburn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wedderburn. Father James Foley officiated, assisted by the Rev S. Kennon.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Anna and Laura Wedderburn, Benita and Christian Turner-Bridger, Sian Carnegy-Arbuthnott, Katie Stephen, Lydia Thurlow, Joshua Styles and Henry Mitchell. Major Jonny Ormerod was best man.

The reception was held at Mountquhanie and the honeymoon is being spent on Skye.

**Mr P. Roblin**
**and Dr R.L. Whitfield**
The marriage took place on May 25, at the Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon, of Mr Paul Roblin, FRCS, son of Mr and Mrs David Roblin, of Cardiff, and Dr Roseanne L. Whitfield, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Whitfield, of Kingston, Surrey.

The reception was held at The Hilton Hotel, Cobham, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

## Legal appointments

Mr Geoffrey Lord and Mr Owen Wheldon Williams to be District Judges, Mr Lord assigned to the North Eastern Circuit and Mr Williams to the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Mrs Jessica Ruth Hill to be a full-time chairman of Industrial Tribunals with effect from July 1. She will be assigned to the London North Region.

## Anglicans get back their church in Moscow

FROM RICHARD BEESTON, IN MOSCOW

MORE than 70 years after the Bolsheviks commandeered the Anglican church in Moscow, the hardy red-brick building in the heart of the Russian capital has finally been handed back to its rightful owners.

St Andrew's, a solid Victorian edifice which sits incongruously beside the city's ornate golden-domed Russian Orthodox churches, has been returned to the control of the Anglican community and is now being used for services.

"I always believed we would get St Andrew's back, but sometimes I worried that the process might drag on into the next century," Canon Chad Coussmaker, the head of the Anglican Church in Russia, said. "It is very exciting finally to retake possession after all these years."

The handover, thought to be the first time pre-Revolution property has been returned to foreign ownership, came after years of intense lobbying on the Russian Government by the Queen, Lambeth Palace and Moscow's 200 Anglican parishioners.

Under the agreement, the property was taken away from Melodiya, a Russian record company which occupied the site, by the State Property Committee which has given it to the Anglican Church in perpetuity. Although the long battle with Russian bureaucracy for the return of the church is over, a new struggle is now under way to raise the estimated £1.5 million needed to repair the neglected church and its parsonage.

The Anglicans, who can trace their first religious services in Russia back to the time of Ivan the Terrible, built their first chapel in Moscow in 1706. St Andrew's, which was completed in 1884, was confiscated along with other churches, mosques and synagogues by the Bolsheviks as part of their attempt to impose aetheism on the Soviet Union.

The Soviet authorities repeatedly turned down British efforts to get St Andrew's back. In one application made by the British Government in 1923, after the church had been rented to the Finnish Government, a young second secretary at the embassy in Moscow noted correctly that "the Soviet Government will certainly refuse (or ignore) this request and let the premises to someone else".

In 1955 a visiting Anglican priest tried to gain access to the site but was turned away on the ground that it was a girls' hostel and men were forbidden. Since 1960 the church has been used as a recording and rehearsal studio by musicians.

After President Yeltsin's decree in 1993 granting congregations the right to take back their houses of worship, the Anglicans, with the support of the Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei II, renewed their efforts to regain the church. The next challenge for the resurgent Anglican community in Russia will be to reclaim the church of St Mary's in St Petersburg, which still has its original organ and stained glass windows and is being used today as a souvenir shop.

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It is not that the Lord is slow in keeping his promises, as some suppose, but that he is patient with you. It is not his will that any should be lost, but that all should come to repentance.
2 Peter 3 : 9 (REB)

### BIRTHS

**BOND** - On May 26th, to Sarah (née Hainan) and Simon, a son, Duncan Thomas Hainan, a brother for Chloë.

**CHATTEY** - On May 26th 1996, to Belinda (née Neale) and Michael, a daughter, Cordelia Tania Kemp.

**DRESSER** - On May 19th 1996 at home, to Claire (née Cartlidge) and Guy, a daughter, Emily Alice Penrose, a sister for Henry.

**ELLISON** - On May 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Karen (née Lynham) and Mike, a son Hugo Armstrong, a brother for Georgia.

**GRAHAM** - On May 24th, to Cate and Calum, a son, Euan Douglas, a brother for Angus.

**HALL** - On Tuesday May 21st, to Catherine (née Percy) and Nicholas, a son, Alexander Nicholas.

**KIMBERLEY** - On May 1st, to Rosemary (née Gardner) and Adam, a daughter, Imogen Philippa Gardner, a sister for Charles.

**MANNERS** - On May 25th, to Heather (née Seal) and Richard, a daughter, Maisie Charlotte, a sister for Holly.

**SCARRATT** - On 28th May, to Sarah (née May) and Richard, a son, Rupert Thomas, accomplice for Luke and Freddie.

**SMITH** - On May 3rd 1996 at Jessop's, Sheffield, to Lisa (née Helsby) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Ellen, a sister for Alexander.

**STRAHAN** - On 24th May 1996, to Sally (née King) and Gerard, a daughter, Philippa Sheelah, a sister for Charlie.

**STRICK** - On 23rd May, to Charles and Emma (née Juniper), a daughter, Lucy Alice Juniper, a sister for Katie.

### BIRTHS

**WACKETT** - On May 25th, to Caroline (née Burr) and Marcus, a beautiful daughter, Madeleine Emily Gillian Josephine, a little sister for Benjamin. An enormous thank you to all the staff of the maternity ward at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, London.

**YOUNGER** - On 26th May, to Hilary (née Chalk) and Andrew, a daughter, Isobel Alexandra, a sister for Rosanna.

### MARRIAGES

**DE SMITH:PATTEN** - On Tuesday, May 28th 1996, the marriage of Richard and Nicola took place in St. Lucia.

### DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

**HINES:DALLIMORE** - On May 30th 1936, at Epsom, Surrey, Martin Samuel Hines (Mick) to Lilian Mabel Dallimore (Dolly), now of Westbourne, Dorset.

### DEATHS

**ALLAN** - Charles Claud: Peacefully on 24th May 1996, dearest husband of Belinda and loving father of Gilly and Caroline, much loved grandfather of Barnaby, Nicko, Hugo and Arabella. Funeral Service 2pm, Monday 3rd June, at Lilliesleaf Kirk. Flowers to Thomas Brown & Sons, East Port, Melrose, or donations, if preferred, to Alzheimer Scotland, Ladhope Vale House, Ladhope Vale, Galashiels, TD1 1ST.

### DEATHS

**ALLEN** - James Geoffrey on May 27th 1996 aged 62 years, at home after a brave fight against cancer, carried with dignity and courage. Beloved husband of Ida and very much loved father of Dominic and Gabrielle. Deeply missed by his family, his loving sister Barbara, his nieces Sarah and Caroline and by all who knew him. Funeral Service to be held at St Paul's Parish Church, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, on Monday June 3rd at 10.30am. Family flowers only please, but donations welcome for The North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, London N12 8TF.

**BRISBANE** - John Alan of Knighton, Powys, after an illness most courageously borne. Dearly loved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Edward's Church, Knighton, on Saturday 1st June at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Knighton Hospital Scanner Appeal or Cancer Research.

**BUTTERWORTH** - Dr Mavis Ann. Formerly of Sutton Coldfield. Peacefully at Macclesfield District General Hospital, on Sunday 26th May 1996. Much loved daughter of the late Henry and Doris Butterworth. Dear sister of Angus and Brian. Funeral Service at Stockport Crematorium at 11.30 am on Wednesday 5th June 1996. Family flowers only. Enquiries to G.W. Turner. Tel: (0161) 480 3754.

**CLEAVER** - Andrew Milne, on Saturday 25th May, in a cycling accident, aged 43 years. The funeral service will take place at St Mary's Church, Prestbury, Cheltenham, on Friday 31st May at 3 pm. Enquiries to Selim Smith & Co. Ltd., tel: (01242) 525383.

### DEATHS

**CLARK** - On May 27th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Ian dearly loved husband of Charlotte, loving father of Ross and Harriet and stepfather of Andrew and Rachel and much loved grandpa of Ruth, Matthew, Emilia and Edward. Funeral Service at Gunton St Peter's Church, Lowestoft on Tuesday 4th June at 11.15am. Family flowers only, donations if desired for The Royal Star and Garter Home, sent c/o Powells Funeral Directors, 221 St Peters Street, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

**DARBY** - Nan. On 28th May peacefully at The Earl Mountbatten Hospice, Newport, IOW, after a short illness. Much loved and sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service on Friday 7th June at 2.30 pm at IOW Crematorium to which all are welcome. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Earl Mountbatten Hospice c/o R & P Everson Funeral Directors tel: 01983-788733.

**EDWARDS** - Peacefully at home on May 25th 1996 Sylvia Clementine (née Reynolds), adored wife of the late Kendrick and a beloved and loving mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Meole Brace Church, Shrewsbury, on Monday June 10th at 2.30pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to be shared between the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, the N.S.P.C.C. and the League of Friends of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Enquiries tel: (01743) 344646.

**FARRAND** - Gillian Coysh (Dr. Gillian Hanson), sadly after a short illness. Funeral at St Mary's Church Road, South Woodford, on June 5th at noon. Family flowers only. Donations to: The Diabetic Unit, Whipps Cross Hospital, London E11 1NR.

### DEATHS

**FROST** - On Tuesday May 21st 1996 Hazel aged 71 years, beloved partner of George. Interred at St Bartholomew's Church, Groton, Suffolk, 29th May.

**GIBSON** - Penelope, beloved wife of Robert, mother of Mary, David, Peter and Jaya, died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Scotland on 19th May 1996.

**GODDARD** - On May 26th Mary Veronica, youngest daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs Goddard and much loved sister of Mimi and the late Peggy, Dermot and Rita. Requiem Mass at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill, on Wednesday June 5th at 11.30 am, followed by burial in Bexhill Cemetery. Flowers to Mummery F/D, Bexhill-on-Sea, tel: (01424) 730418. R.I.P.

**GORDON** - Ian Robert peacefully on 28th May at his home Stanewood. Dearest and loving husband of Joyce, father of Madelaine, William and Andrew and of his six grandchildren. Funeral at Exeter Crematorium on Friday 31st May at 4.30 pm. Family flowers, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation.

**HOWELL** - Christobelle - School proprietor died peacefully after a short illness in Dorchester Hospital, Dorset on May 28th in her 90th year. Much loved mother of Vaughn, Gareth and Hervey, loving grandmother of Drystan, Cerian and Maggie, great-grandmother of Olivia (N.C.). Cremation at Weymouth Crematorium on Wednesday June 5th at 12 noon. Flowers to Woods (Dorchester) Ltd., 11A Icen Way, Dorchester DT1 1EW, tel: (01305) 262666.

### DEATHS

**MAGGS** - Cedric, died suddenly on 25th May 1996. Beloved husband of Rosemary and loving father of Joanna and Dizzy. Funeral Service at Exeter & Devon Crematorium on Friday 31st May at 4.00 pm. No flowers by request, donations to Devon Air Ambulance Trust, whose speed gave us all a few last precious hours together. Enquiries to Shoobridge Funeral Services, 154 High Street, Honiton, Devon. Telephone 01404 41424.

**MENDELS** - Piet (Louis Philip) MBE died peacefully at Fowey Hospital on 26th May, aged 96. Loving husband of the late Phyllis. The funeral service will take place at Glynn Valley Crematorium (Bodmin) on Tuesday 4th June at 2 pm. A Memorial Service will be held in Fowey Parish Church (St Fimbarrus) on a date in July. No flowers but donations may be sent to Fowey Hospital and Welfare Committee c/o The Treasurer, 44 Esplanade, Fowey.

**MUSSELL** - Rosamund Isobel, on May 28th peacefully at home after a long illness. Funeral at Weston-super-Mare Crematorium on Tuesday June 4th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired made payable to Great Ormond Street Childrens' Hospital may be sent to Co-operative Funeral Services, Upper Bristol Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 8DP.

**NATHAN** - See Sprigings.

**NETTLETON** - Trevor, peacefully on 23rd May at Northwick Park Hospital. He will be greatly missed and always loved by Rosmarie, his wife; daughters Clare and Kim; Elsie, his mother; his brother Brian and his many friends and colleagues. Funeral at Christ Church, Roxeth Hill, Harrow-on-the-Hill, on Monday 3rd June at 2 pm. Family requests no flowers but donations to the Brain Tumour Foundation and Imperial Cancer Research.

### DEATHS

**PATTERSON** - Peacefully at home on 27th May after a long illness borne with great courage, Maj. Gen. Pat Patterson, much loved husband of Jean and father of Hugh, Louise and Martin. Private funeral. A Service of Thanksgiving at St George's Church, Benenden, at 2.30pm on Friday 28th June. No flowers: donations if desired to The Gurkha Welfare Trust. Enquiries to (01435) 813144.

**RANKIN** - Kenneth Naismith, peacefully at home in Odiham on Sunday, 26th May, in his 87th year. Dearly loved husband of Nancy, devoted father of Graham, Tessa, Cathie and Melanie and greatly loved grandfather of Jonathan, Paul, Robin, Scott, Mark, Amanda, Sam and Richard. Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Parish Church, Odiham, Hampshire, at 3 pm on Friday, 7th June, after private family cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Forestry Trust for Education and Conservation, c/o The Director, Royal Forestry Society, 102 High Street, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 4AF.

**RHODES** - Tony, (Paul Anthony). On 24th May 1996, passed away in Luton & Dunstable Hospital, aged 51 years. He will be so sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, East Sussex, on Friday 31st May at 2 pm, followed by interment in the Churchyard. All enquiries please to Christopher Stringer Funeral Services, tel: (01273) 306000.

**ROTHSCHILD** - Teresa, Lady Rothschild, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, died peacefully at St Thomas' Hospital on 29th May.

### DEATHS

**SMITH** - Eric Edward on Tuesday 28th May 1996 died peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Darling husband of Marjorie and loving father of Emma and David, father-in-law of Kate and George and grandfather. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at Chelsea Old Church on Tuesday 4th June at 2.30pm. Family flowers only.

**SPRIGINGS** - Nene, peacefully on 27th May in her 89th year. Nanny and dear friend of the Nathan family for over 50 years. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, East Molesey, Surrey, on Tuesday 4th June at 2.15 pm. Flowers to F.W. Paine, 71 Walton Road, East Molesey or donations to a cancer charity.

**ZOOB** - Dr. Max MD, FRCP, aged 74 died peacefully 29th May after a long illness. Much loved husband, father, brother and grandfather. Former cardiologist and co-founder of Regional Cardiac Unit at Brook Hospital, Woolwich. Funeral Service to be held at Waltham Abbey Jewish Cemetery, Skillet Hill, Essex on Friday 31st May at 10 am. Memorial Service to be announced. No flowers but donations to the Hebrew University.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

**BOSTOCK** - A service to commemorate the life of Miss Joan Bostock will be held at St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, NW1, on Tuesday, June 25th at 12 noon.

**WOLSTENHOLME** - There will be a gathering of friends and colleagues to celebrate the life of Suzanne Wolstenholme at Leighton House, Kensington tomorrow, Friday 31st May, 6.30 - 8.30 pm. All who knew her welcome. For more information call Julia Hallé on (0171) 371-7365.

### IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

**GRANT** - Colin Captain Royal Navy. Died 30th May 1992. Remembered every day with our love. Norma, Andrew, Simon and Victoria.

**HADAWAY** - Dr. Hilary S.M. 30th May 1995. Loved and remembered always by her many friends.

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# OBITUARIES

## SQUADRON LEADER ROBIN McNAIR

**Squadron Leader Robin McNair, DFC and Bar, Battle of Britain pilot and sales and services manager of BEA, 1967-77, died on May 18 aged 77. He was born on May 21, 1918.**

TYPIFYING the fighting spirit of the Battle of Britain, Robin McNair pursued a dashing and distinguished wartime career in the Royal Air Force. During the course of the Second World War he completed almost 300 operational sorties. Renowned for his courage and his consideration for those whom he commanded, he himself would often take the most exposed position when he led a squadron. He was shot down several times and was an eminent member of the Caterpillar Club, an exclusive society for those who have saved their lives by parachuting from a damaged aircraft.

McNair was an expert pilot, managing once to glide an aircraft whose engines had been incapacitated by hostile fire several miles across occupied France to land it undamaged behind Allied lines. He was awarded the DFC in 1942 for the part he played warding off air raids and for his role as a member of No 87 Squadron (Hurricanes) in the Dieppe raid. In 1944 he was awarded a Bar to his DFC after commanding No 247 Squadron in the death and glory operations of Typhoons across the Channel in the Normandy invasion.

On demobilisation McNair went on to pursue a career in the field of civil aviation. Joining British European Airways Corporation (BEA) on its inception in 1946, he was to become one of its chief commercial negotiatiors. From 1966 to 1977, in his position as sales and services manager, he was responsible for the whole marketing and sales organisation of the company over a territory reaching from the Benelux countries to Morocco and Algeria. BEA's annual revenue for this area grew from £15 million to more than £60 million.

Robin John McNair was educated at the Roman Catholic Douai School in Berkshire, a school to which he was always to remain loyal — he later became president of the Douai Society. He was a keen sportsman on both the cricket and rugby fields, playing each at county level.

In February 1939 he joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve and six months later he was called up. He flew in the No 3 and No 96 Fighter Squadrons; as a member of the No 87 Squadron (Hurricanes) he took part in the 1942 Dieppe raid and as the flight commander of the No 245 Squadron he was involved in the destruction of flying bomb targets in France, Belgium and The Netherlands, and in the bombing of German airfields and installations.

In August 1944, as acting wing commander, 124 Wing, Normandy, he took part in tactical operations during the Falaise Gap battle before, after a double tour of duty, going on to train Typhoon pilots at 12 Group headquarters. In 1945 he was in command of No 74 Squadron (Meteors), among the first three RAF squadrons to be equipped with jet fighters.

Demobilised upon Whitehall request at the end of 1945, McNair worked for a short while for the Ministry of Civil Aviation in London, before joining BEA, with whom he was to remain until his retirement. He was based first in Frankfurt where his work represented an important facility both for re-establishing postwar diplomatic and commercial links between Britain and Federal Germany and for the local American and military and commercial presence.

He then worked in Geneva for two years before returning in 1951 to the BEA head office in London to take the post of deputy to Lord Amherst, the director for Associated Companies (AC). Here he played a significant role in facilitating commercial diplomatic channels of communication with countries emerging from the political upheavals of the war.

AC's strong aviation links with Cyprus greatly assisted commercial diplomacy during that island's long (and often bloody) struggle first for enosis and then for independence. Later, with Cypriot independence, McNair assisted in negotiating with the highest political and commercial personages in the country, including Archbishop Makarios (later President of Cyprus) to secure British aviation's interest and influence in Cyprus Airways. He also worked with Olympic Airways and Aristotle Onassis during the complex negotation of a BA/Olympic Airways consortium for the hire of aircraft and exploitation of European and Mediterranean routes.

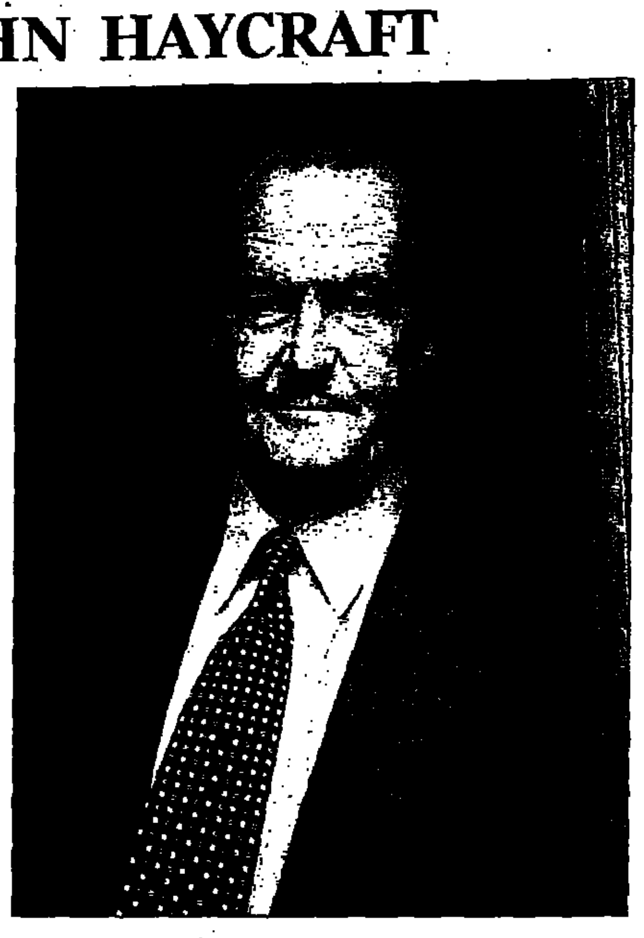
In 1965 McNair, as assistant market development manager, investigated means of increasing inward traffic and tourism to Britain. From 1967 to 1977 he was sales and services manager and deputy general manager for BEA throughout the Western Europe region and North Africa. Then, after two years as ground services manager in Southern and Western Europe he retired in 1979.

Throughout his life, McNair remained a devout Roman Catholic. During the war, whenever he was responsible for shooting down one of the enemy, he would make it a priority as soon as he returned to Britain to have a Mass said for the dead pilot. After his retirement he became a dedicated member of his parish committee and of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, a charity which aids the sick and the impoverished. He was also a committed member of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

He is survived by his wife Estelle Townsend, whom he married in 1940, and by three sons and four daughters.

## JOHN HAYCRAFT

**John Haycraft, CBE, language teacher and writer, died of a heart condition on May 23 aged 69. He was born on December 11, 1926.**



IN THE world of teaching languages to foreigners, John Haycraft was a charismatic and uniquely influential figure. Through International House in London, which he co-founded with his Swedish wife Brita, he built up a British-based worldwide network of more than 100 affiliated privately owned language schools. But International House remained a non-profit-making foundation. Haycraft worked in the best tradition of the British amateur, scorning riches and seeking a simple lifestyle.

From the 1950s he pioneered lively new ways of teaching languages, using, for example, drama and role-playing. His intensive teacher-training courses in London became famous and did much to establish EFL — English as a Foreign Language — as a recognised discipline of its own. A man of huge energy and passion, Haycraft carried through life a strong internationalist vision. He hated the narrowness of nationalism and saw the learning of languages as an essential vehicle to world understanding. While his main effort went into teaching English, he was equally concerned for the British to learn other tongues: he spoke six languages himself.

John Stacpoole Haycraft was born in India. He was the son of a British officer in the Indian Army who died when his son was only two. With his mother — a professional tennis player, part Bavarian and part Italian — Haycraft spent his early years in France and Italy. Despite the classic English education that followed, at Wellington College — of which he became head boy — and Jesus College, Oxford, he never felt totally English and was more at home with foreigners. After the war he crusaded for the World Government movement.

Intending to be a writer, and feeling an affinity for the Mediterranean, Haycraft went in 1953 to Spain, planning to earn his living by teaching English. He and his wife set up the first modest International House School in Córdoba. His book *Babel in Spain* described the six happy years which he spent there.

In 1959 Haycraft transferred his venture to central London, starting a small International House there. Believing that most EFL teaching was stilted and archaic, Haycraft set about training new teachers in his methods. At a time when English was fast developing as the world language, the need for new schools rapidly grew. Affiliated schools were opened all across the globe — from Estonia to Argentina — although International House itself owned only its London base.

Spain and Italy currently have about 20 schools each. Haycraft and his wife started and ran the Rome school for a while before, in 1971, founding another big school in Paris. This one, however, caused some complications, partly because of French bureaucracy and suspicion but also in part thanks to Haycraft's own blazing optimism displayed in the face of every adversity, which often led him to overreach himself.

In London, Haycraft pioneered "teaching theatre", with actors performing little plays as part of the learning process. Students did similar role-playing sketches. Haycraft collaborated with the BBC World Service's *English by Radio*. He was always quick to see the benefits of new technologies, first language laboratories, later videos and computers. Haycraft also put stress on social and cultural activities, on music, discussions, parties and outings.

Haycraft was appointed CBE in 1982. In 1990 he retired as director-general, but was then invited to help to set up International House affiliated schools in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet bloc. Haycraft was quick to take up the roving job, starting schools in Kiev and Timisoara. But the work was a strain and probably hastened the heart trouble which killed him.

Haycraft rarely gave himself enough time for his second career and first ambition: writing. His two accounts of his earlier teaching years, *Babel in Spain* and *Babel in London*, show the lively humour and insatiable interest of their author.

There followed *Italian Labyrinth* in 1985 and *In Search of the French Revolution* in 1989, an unusual travel book which revealed his fascination with history. He had just completed his memoirs when he died — two years after his younger brother Colin, the well-known publisher and chairman of Duckworth.

He leaves his widow, Brita, and their daughter and two sons.

## DOROTHEA BRAUS

**Dorothea Braus, concert pianist, died on May 22 aged 94. She was born on November 11, 1901.**

DOROTHEA BRAUS launched her career in Britain by the direct intervention and patronage of Myra Hess. It was Hess who procured the all-important work permit for her exiled German friend during the war. Afterwards she invited Braus to play in her lunchtime concerts at the National Gallery which ran uninterruptedly through all the bombardments of the Blitz, and which did so much to fortify the battered morale of London citizens.

On the concert platform, Braus appeared petite, slim and striking-looking. She possessed great rhythmic power as a performer, as well as a firm sense of the structure and style of classical music, and depths of romantic feeling. But she was equally adept at interpreting modern piano works.

Dorothea Klara Marcelle Else Braus was born and brought up in Heidelberg, the daughter of a professor of anatomy, and the granddaughter of two musical men. One grandfather had played piano duets with Brahms; the other played the violin and toured with a string quartet. It was the latter who first placed her tiny fingers on the keyboard of a piano.

She gave the first public demonstration of virtuosity at the age of 11 at a concert in Heidelberg, but was then struck by misfortune. She had practised too much, straining a wrist and arm so badly that a whole year passed before she was allowed to touch the keyboard again. She recovered and toured Europe from the age of 17, performing concertos with some of the best orchestras. During one tour she played in Bayreuth and stayed as a guest in the old home of Wagner. Adolf Hitler was staying in another wing of the house, and Braus was forced to endure his company at mealtimes. She remembered: "He never took part in any conversation, and sat looking glum, taciturn, prepossessed and repulsive. I could not understand the fascination he had over people."

In 1930 Dorothea married a German Jewish businessman, Herbert Steinberg. His business was taken over by the Nazis, and the couple were forced to flee their home and to come to Britain in 1936. At first they settled in Nelson, Lancashire, but with the outbreak of war Steinberg was interned in the Isle of Man. Sensibly, Braus wrote to Myra Hess to explain her predicament, and Hess was instrumental in getting Dorothea the crucial work permit which enabled her to restart her career.

Through Hess, Braus was invited to give concerts at the National Gallery, at one of which she played an early work of Britten's, *Holiday Diary Suite*. Braus met Britten and greatly admired his work. She also gave a number of concerts at the Wigmore Hall and in the North of England. Her repertoire was catholic, encompassing everything from Bach and Mozart, through the Romantics to Britten and Pfitzner. There was a natural femininity about her playing, but she did not shy away from taking on big, muscular works, even if, in less enlightened days, her courage did not always win her admirers. *The Times* reviewer of a concert at the Wigmore Hall in 1958 complained that there were four works which women should never attempt — "in public at least" — and that Braus had been rash enough to include two of these in her recital. Braus was not daunted by the criticism, and kept Schumann's fantasia and Beethoven's *Les Adieux* in her repertoire.

She began a long professional association with the conductor Harry Blech in the late 1940s. Braus had first seen Blech conducting the London Symphonic Players, a student orchestra, in a work by Mozart, and she approached him backstage after the concert to compliment him enthusiastically on his interpretation. She then engaged him to assemble a Mozart orchestra with which she could play a couple of Mozart concertos. Blech named the new orchestra the London Mozart Players. The first concert was an enormous success, and Blech led the orchestra on to great heights on the international circuit. Dorothea Braus continued her own career at concert level until her mid-seventies, retiring in 1979.

Unusually for a concert pianist, particularly one of such slight build, Braus had been a keen mountaineer as a girl. She also took a lively interest in current affairs, and she maintained a beautiful garden at her home in Hadley Wood.

Braus had no children, and her husband died in 1955. In her long widowhood she lived with her housekeeper, Betty Wigman, who had been in her service since 1948, and who insisted on calling her employer "Mrs Steinberg" even after almost fifty years in her service. Despite the apparent formality, it was a devoted friendship.

## REAR-ADMIRAL LEWIS COMBS

**Rear-Admiral Lewis Combs, a US Navy engineer who created and directed the Seabees during the Second World War, died at Red Hook, New York, on May 20 aged 101. He was born at Manchester Centre, Vermont, on April 7, 1895.**

THERE were no combat ribbons on the chest of Lewis Combs, but he arguably did more to achieve victory for the Allies in the Second World War than a regiment of conventional heroes. Combs's brainchildren were the Naval Construction Battalions, affectionately known from their initials as the Seabees, who followed the American Forces from island to island in the Pacific, building airstrips, docks, housing and other civil engineering projects, often under enemy fire.

It was an impressive feat of logistics, made possible only by Combs's foresight and genius for organisation and planning. The Seabees did not exist in January 1938 when Combs took up a posting as assistant chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks at the Washington Navy Yard. Nor did they when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, thrusting America into a war that it had been strenuously avoiding. But Combs and his boss, Admiral Ben Moreell, had foreseen the need for such a force and had spent the past four years making plans and laying the necessary groundwork. Within weeks of Pearl Harbor, the first Seabee battalions had been formed.

Combs's responsibilities were huge. In addition to training and directing the combat engineers, and arranging the materials they needed to build everything from supply dumps to hospitals and sewage systems, he also supervised the rapid expansion of the Navy's shore establishments in the United States. His command grew from 120 civil engineering officers before the start of the war to 10,000 officers and more than 325,000 men at its conclusion.

In the midst of all this, Combs found time to act as technical adviser on the 1944 John Wayne film *The Fighting Seabees*. Wayne was to call on him again in 1949, after hearing that the Admiral had landed on a Seabee-repaired airstrip on Iwo Jima while much of the island was still held by the Japanese, to serve as consultant on *The Sands of Iwo Jima*. That trip was typical of Combs's activities during the war, making frequent tours of inspection to advanced bases, striving to improve the services offered by his Seabees.

Combs received the Distinguished Service Medal for his wartime efforts. "By his foresight, judgment, extraordinary professional ability and conscientious devotion to duty," the extensive citation concluded, "he contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the war."

Lewis Barton Combs had entered the Navy in 1917, after studying civil engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and passing a competitive examination. Six weeks later, after a crash course of indoctrination at the Annapolis Naval Academy, Combs found himself as a Lieutenant in charge of field construction at the Washington Navy Yard.

That experience, during the period of frenetic expansion caused by America's entry into the First World War, was to stand him in good stead. He subsequently served in Haiti during the American occupation of that island in the 1920s, building roads and bridges and holding responsibility for harbours and lighthouses.

Lewis Combs retired from the Navy in 1947 and returned to Rensselaer, where he spent the next 15 years as head of the civil engineering department.

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This grievance originates in a most cruel, unmanly, and inhuman combination of the journeymen taylors of this metropolis, to the number of 10,000, to deprive a few hundreds of industrious, and hitherto virtuous women, of the means of obtaining an honest livelihood by their needle.

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Our master, who has always been a very kind one, assures us, that he laments most sincerely this proceeding of the journeymen, that he pities our case, and would have pleasure in any opportunity of affording us relief; but as, at present, he cannot carry on his business without the assistance of journeymen, he is under the painful necessity, in common with the whole trade, of submitting to the terms they have thought proper to dictate.

It is generally allowed, that we do our work much neater, cleaner, and better, than the men; and, I am informed, that, notwithstanding the inferiority of their work, they have extorted from their masters a considerable addition to the established prices.

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### Brussels hits back against veto

■ Europe launched a counterstrike against Britain's blocking tactics. After Jacques Santer, the president of the European Commission, had accused John Major of "hostage-taking", Brussels announced measures that angered Euro-sceptics.

The Commission said more beef compensation would be given to German and French farmers. It also said that most EU fishing fleets must face a 40 per cent reduction and that it must be given details of the brands in the formula milk scare, which have not yet been divulged in Britain.............................Page 1

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DAVID SILVERMAN

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The two rivals in the Israeli elections, Shimon Peres and Benjamin Netanyahu, have based their respective appeals on pithy wordplay: Peres wants peace in order to have security, Netanyahu security in order to have peace. A victory for Peres would be more reassuring for the world —*ABC*, Madrid

## TOMORROW

## IN THE TIMES

■ INTERVIEW

Valerie Grove meets producer Robert Fox (left) whose first film, *A Month by the Lake*, stars Edward Fox and Vanessa Redgrave

■ WIN VIP TICKETS

Tickets to the British Masters Championship to be won

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**Preview:** The storming of the Iranian Embassy is reconstructed by those who took part. *SAS — The Soldiers' Story* (ITV, 9pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond wonders how far violence can be funny........Page 47

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If our poll is an early portent of others to come, the new-found Tory unity will soon evaporate. Then the chances of an early election will vanish too..........................Page 21

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Character issues are always an element in presidential elections. That is quite proper given that Mr Clinton's role is part symbolic head of state as well as head of government.......................Page 21

### Tiger week

The Federation of Zoos has nominated this to be Tiger Week. It is appealing for money and deserves the support of all who cherish the wild.......................................Page 21

## COLUMNS

**WILLIAM REES-MOGG**

Respectable journalists, of liberal views, living comfortably in New York, still do not want to tell the American public what the allegations are against Bill Clinton, or what the evidence is. It is, therefore, still entirely possible that he will be re-elected in November .... Page 20

**CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN**

In Ireland, changing from nationalist to unionist (or vice versa) is exceedingly rare and is regarded as much more fundamental than a mere shift in party allegiance. But it has made me feel younger and I hope I shall be elected to the new forum.....................................Page 20

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Personally, I would support the tartan tax because that is what will give a Scottish parliament real teeth .......................................Page 20

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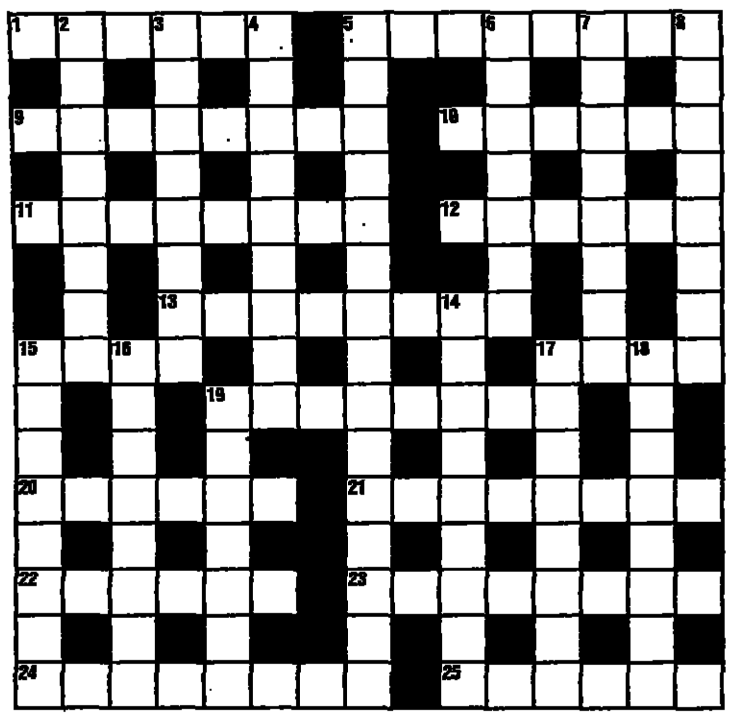

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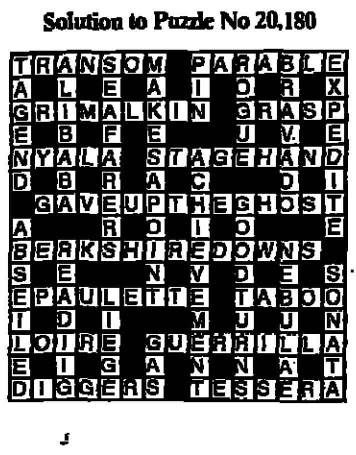

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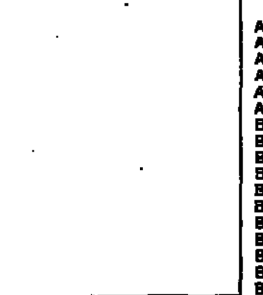
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Aspatria, Cumbria, 0.77in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 9.1hr.



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## FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start mostly dry, apart from patchy light rain in the north and west. Sunny periods should develop, but cloud and light rain will spread from the west across all parts later. Becoming breezy. Very warm in the southeast.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be wet and windy, the rain heaviest in the west. Brighter, showery weather should reach Northern Ireland during the afternoon and spread across the whole of Scotland later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N England:** dry but rather cloudy at first; sunny periods developing but cloud increasing again in evening. Wind moderate southeasterly, becoming fresh southwesterly. Very warm. Max 25C (77F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England:** patchy drizzle at first, becoming mainly dry and bright, but patchy rain for a time later. Wind moderate to fresh, south or southeasterly, becoming strong and turning southwesterly. Warm. Max 20C (68F).

☐ ***Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:*** dry start, rain soon spreading from southwest but becoming mainly dry again. More rain expected later. Wind southeasterly, moderate increasing strong to gale force, turning southwesterly later. Max 16C (61F).

☐ ***SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:*** wet and windy, bursts of rain at times; clearer, showery weather spreading from west. Wind strong to gale force southeasterly, turning southwesterly later. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Outlook:** showers in the northwest tomorrow, becoming more widespread on Saturday.

**Pollen forecast:** low in Scotland, northern England, Northern Ireland, and London; low to moderate in Midlands, East Anglia, Wales, southeast and southwest England.

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | | | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
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| Anglesey | X | | | | | Leuchars | 5.5 | 0.03 | 18 | 64 | b |
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| Bournem'th | 0.6 | - | 15 | 59 | c | Minehead | 1.1 | - | 18 | 64 | c |
| Bristol | - | 0.01 | 17 | 63 | d | Morecambe | 3.5 | 0.41 | 16 | 61 | b |
| Buxton | 0.5 | 0.04 | 16 | 61 | sh | Newcastle | 2.7 | 0.01 | 17 | 63 | b |
| Cardiff | 0.5 | 0.03 | 14 | 57 | r | Newquay | 1.9 | 0.01 | 18 | 64 | c |
| Clacton | 9.0 | - | 21 | 70 | s | Norwich | 0.5 | 0.01 | 19 | 66 | c |
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| Folkestone | 0.3 | - | 15 | 59 | du | Skegness | 0.3 | 0.01 | 19 | 66 | c |
| Glasgow | 5.5 | 0.11 | 17 | 63 | b | Southend | 8.7 | - | 21 | 70 | s |
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| Algiers | 26 | 79 | s | Dubrovnik | 18 | 64 | s | Melb'rne | 14 | 57 | c | Salzburg | 9 | 48 | c |
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| Bahrain | 41 | 106 | s | Funchal | 23 | 73 | s | Montreal | 21 | 70 | s | St'kholm | 11 | 52 | r |
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| Barbados | 30 | 86 | f | Gibraltar | 22 | 72 | s | Munich | 8 | 46 | c | Sydney | 17 | 63 | s |
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| Beirut | 24 | 75 | s | Hong K | 29 | 84 | f | N York | 15 | 59 | f | Tel Aviv | 27 | 81 | s |
| Belgrade | 15 | 59 | r | Innsbrck | 13 | 55 | f | Nairobi | 23 | 73 | s | Tenerife | 29 | 84 | s |
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| Cape Tn | - | - | - | Locarno | 22 | 72 | s | Reykjavik | 9 | 48 | r | Warsaw | 11 | 52 | r |
| Ch'church | 11 | 52 | - | Luxembg | 12 | 54 | s | Rhodes | 23 | 73 | s | Wash'ton | 16 | 61 | c |
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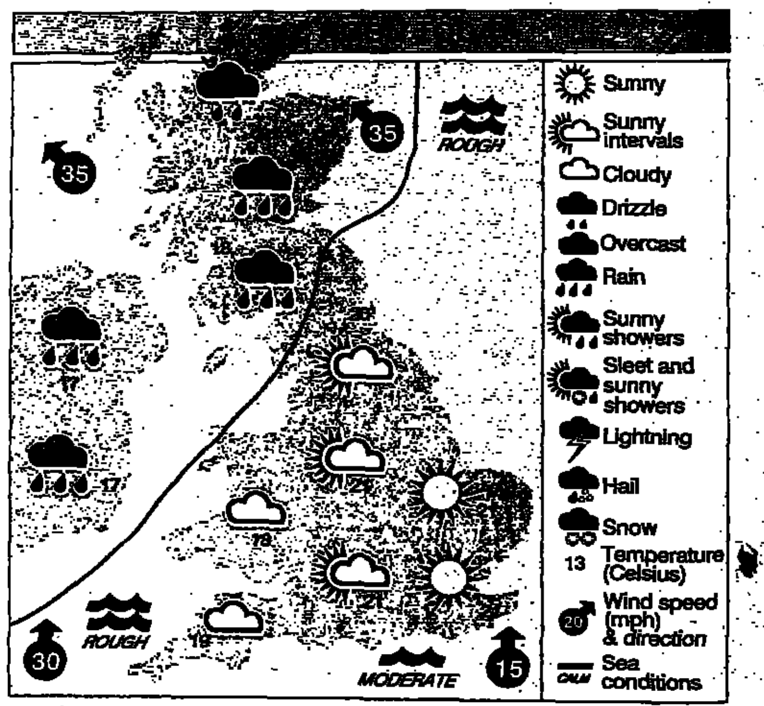

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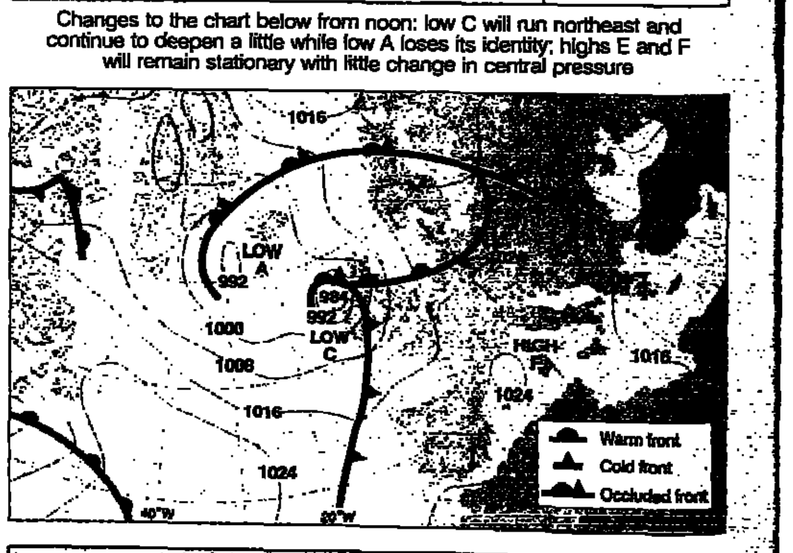

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| Avonmouth | 4:44 | 11.7 | 5:15 | 12.1 | Lowestoft | 7:34 | 2.3 | 7:27 | 2.3 |
| Belfast | 8:49 | 3.4 | 9:19 | 3.3 | Margate | 9:54 | 4.4 | 10:11 | 4.4 |
| Cardiff | 4:38 | 10.6 | 5:11 | 10.8 | Milford Haven | 3:47 | 6.1 | 4:16 | 6.3 |
| Devonport | 3:20 | 4.9 | 3:53 | 5.0 | Newquay | 2:53 | 5.9 | 3:17 | 6.1 |
| Dover | 8:49 | 6.1 | 9:06 | 6.3 | Oban | 3:34 | 3.5 | 4:08 | 3.5 |
| Dublin (N Wall) | 9:27 | 3.7 | 9:45 | 3.8 | Penzance | 2:14 | 5.0 | 2:40 | 5.1 |
| Falmouth | 2:43 | 4.6 | 3:09 | 4.7 | Portland | 4:12 | 1.7 | 4:55 | 1.8 |
| Greenock | 10:10 | 3.1 | 11:03 | 3.0 | Portsmouth | 9:02 | 4.2 | 9:30 | 4.5 |
| Harwich | 9:32 | 3.7 | 9:55 | 3.7 | Shoreham | 8:58 | 5.5 | 9:20 | 5.8 |
| Holyhead | 8:05 | 5.1 | 8:35 | 5.2 | Southampton | 8:31 | 4.1 | 8:58 | 4.4 |
| Hull (Albert D) | 4:03 | 6.7 | 4:16 | 6.8 | Swansea | 3:54 | 8.4 | 4:25 | 8.7 |
| Ilfracombe | 3:31 | 8.3 | 4:02 | 8.5 | Tees | 1:14 | 4.9 | 1:35 | 5.0 |
| King's Lynn | 4:14 | 5.7 | 4:29 | 5.8 | Walton-on-Naze | 9:33 | 3.9 | 9:48 | 3.9 |

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## HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.51 am

Sun sets: 9.06 pm

Moon sets 3.35 am

Moon rises 6.11 pm

Full moon June 1

London 9.06 pm to 4.50 am
Bristol 9.16 pm to 5.00 am
Edinburgh 9.45 pm to 4.36 am
Manchester 9.26 pm to 4.47 am
Penzance 9.21 pm to 5.18 am

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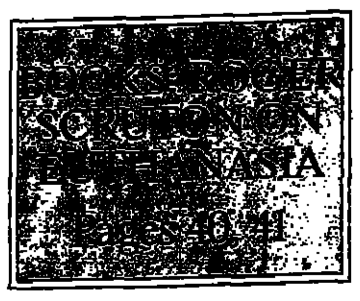

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook THURSDAY MAY 30 1996

# Two-way race to secure right to screen Premiership live

By Jason Nissé

THE battle over who will have the rights to televise FA Carling Premiership League football live is due to be decided next week, with bidders told to offer a minimum of £150 million a year.

Only two bidders are expected to make offers — British Sky Broadcasting, which has the current contract worth £304 million over five years, and a joint offer from Mirror Group and Carlton Communications.

Other potential offers from a joint Pearson/MAI consortium and Kirch, the German group, have fallen by the wayside during talks with Rick Parry, chief executive of the Premiership League, over the past few months.

The two remaining bidders have been asked to make a final presentation to the chairman of the 20 football clubs in the Premiership League at a two-day meeting to be held in Coventry at the end of next week.

The bidders have been told that it is likely that a final decision on the new contract, which will run from the start of the 1997/98 season, will be made at the meeting. "In TV terms it will be the cup final," said one Premiership chairman. "The bids have to be in excess of £150 million a year even to get to the negotiating table."

The contract will be for the rights to carry live games on either satellite or cable. A separate contract to carry a highlights programme on either BBC or ITV will be negotiated once the first deal is signed.

BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, is the favourite to win back the contract. It is hoping to secure a new five-year contract, but the larger Premiership clubs want no more than a two- or three-year deal.

BSkyB has negotiated the right to match any other bid. But league sources said that this may not be allowed by the European Commission, which has told the Premiership League that the clause may breach European competition law.

The Mirror/Carlton bid will be well in excess of £150 million a year. Kelvin MacKenzie, head of Mirror's TV division, is currently putting the finishing touches to the offer, and has to decide whether to make it for two or three years. If successful, Mirror and Carlton will join forces to launch a sports channel to be run on cable TV. They have had talks with other programme makers, including Pearson, about supplying programming for the channel.

Calculations by Neill Junor, who is media analyst at NatWest Markets, show that a new sports cable channel charging just £8.25 a month would produce revenues of more than £150 million a year within 12 months of being launched. If the channel was also carried on satellite, the income in the first year alone could be in excess of £250 million.

Mr Junor believes the Mirror/Carlton consortium could probably afford to bid in the region of £200 million a year for the rights to screen Premiership League football live and still make a sizeable profit.

With the advent of digital TV it is expected that leading clubs such as Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool will set up their own cable channels and sell television coverage of their matches on a pay-per-view basis. The new contract will cover the period until that level of service is feasible.

# Stricken names call for Lloyd's pension

By Sarah Bagnall

LLOYD'S OF LONDON is under pressure to provide its hardest hit names with an annual "pension" as part of its multi-billion settlement offer to 34,000 names.

The call for further help is driven by concerns that thousands of names will be financially ruined if they accept the insurance market's settlement offer.

Lloyd's is in the process of a radical restructuring plan, involving names paying a fee to offload all their future liabilities as well as losing their Lloyd's deposits. For an estimated 6,000 names the bill they will receive from Lloyd's will leave them with little or no assets and they will have little remaining income. As a result Lloyd's has offered £200 million of extra assistance.

However, this so-called tranche 4 of debt credits will not resolve many names' problems. In thousands of cases their Lloyd's deposits are in the form of bank guarantees against their homes and the loss of their Lloyd's deposits would in normal circumstances mean the loss of their homes.

In a bid to overcome this Lloyd's is offering names the chance to take out a special mortgage, but this still leaves names with the problem of how to fund the interest payments.

In a letter to names Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, wrote: "This is a particularly hard fate for elderly names who face an old age of penury and deprivation."

As a result, Lloyd's is being lobbied hard by numerous names' representatives, including the Association of Lloyd's Members and the Feltrim Names Association and Gooda Walker Action Group, to provide an annual income to ruined names.

Damon de Laszlo, chairman of the Feltrim Names Association, said: "There are many names who have borrowed to pay their losses and will be left with these debts after the settlement offer. They need financial help."

The idea is that ruined names will receive regular cash payments that provide a minimum reasonable standard of living. Under the now defunct Hardship programme, Lloyd's own bankruptcy scheme, a couple were entitled to £17,500 a year after the payment of major outgoings, such as mortgage payments.

Lloyd's yesterday said it was in favour of the idea but was concerned about the potential cost and how to fund the payments.

Action group chairmen are urging names to apply for the tranche 4 debt credits so Lloyd's can use the applications to assess the magnitude of the income support needed. Mr Deeny said: "Such income support would be means tested and would only be available to those who have supplied the information required in the past by the Hardship Committee or that required for tranche 4 applications."

So far more than 3,800 names have applied for tranche 4 debt credits but about 2,500 who Lloyd's believes are eligible for assistance have failed to apply. The lack of response is thought to be due to the deep mistrust in which Lloyd's is held by many names. Some members of the society are wary about revealing financial details in case Lloyd's uses the information against them if the settlement offer founders. Lloyd's has tried to reassure names that the information is for the sole purpose of the settlement process.

Lloyd's intends to send out fresh indicative statements to names at the end of June, followed in early July by final statements which will detail how much each name has to pay Lloyd's. But it is unlikely that names will vote on whether to accept the offer at the market's annual meeting on July 15. Instead the 34-odd action groups will hold extraordinary meetings as soon as is practicable after the final statements are sent to names. It is after these meetings, in mid to late July, that names are expected to make their individual vote on whether to accept the offer.

Bob Howells, left, chairman of LTS Rail, and Godfrey Burley, Prism's chairman, who saw his company's shares double in value on AIM

# Prism float reflects confidence

PRISM RAIL, which runs the London-Tilbury-Southend rail line, previously dubbed by many long-suffering passengers as the "misery line", made anything but a miserable market debut. The shares steamed ahead to more than double on their first day's trading on the Alternative Investment Market (Philip Pangalos writes).

Investors in the company, the UK's first publicly-quoted train operator since nationalisation at the end of 1947, saw Prism's oversubscribed shares surge to a healthy premium from the start of trading. The shares ended their first day at 205p, compared with a 100p flotation price, and put in the shade the premium enjoyed by Railtrack investors.

Dealings in the company's 13 million ordinary shares on AIM came after a private placing of eight million new ordinary shares at 100p, which raised £8 million. The placing was to enable the company to complete the acquisition of the franchise for LTS Rail, which operates the London-Tilbury-Southend line, and to provide working capital and allow for much-needed investment.

Investors instantly warmed to Prism, which is chaired by Godfrey Burley, taking the view that the group has an experienced management team that stands a good chance of winning further routes.

Prism, which has a 15-year franchise to run the London-Tilbury-Southend line, aspires to be a major rail player and makes no secret of wanting to bid for other franchises. The company has said that it will consider bidding for the 16 remaining franchises.

It also proposes to spend at least £14 million on station improvements and plans to build a new station at West Ham to provide a new interchange on the London Underground's District Line.

# Pinstripe ostrich company closes

By Karen Zagor

THE Pinstripe Farming Company yesterday filed for voluntary liquidation just days after the Department of Trade and Industry started proceedings in the High Court to have the company wound up.

In the wake of the beef scare, thousands of investors have poured tens of millions of pounds into ostrich investment schemes in the hope that ostrich meat would become the favoured alternative. Some ostrich schemes have promised annual returns of up to 70 per cent, but with no evidence to substantiate these figures.

Pinstripe has choosen its own liquidator, Stephen Conn & Company in Manchester, but the DTI will continue its petition process and ask the court to appoint the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator. The same firm is acting as liquidator for World Ostrich Farms, which collapsed at the end of April in the middle of an investigation by the Securities and Investment Board (SIB). The SIB is now trying to recover money from World Ostrich Farms, regarding the scheme as a collective investment, which, as such, falls under its regulatory remit.

The SIB had investigated Pinstripe before passing the papers on to the DTI. A similar move led to the DTI filing a winding-up petition against the Ostrich Farming Corporation. The case is now being fought, in the courts. OFC is also the subject of a Serious Fraud Office investigation. Both Pinstripe and the OFC escaped SIB's regulatory arm by selling birds rather than shares in a company.

# Pru scheme survives dissent

By Jason Nissé

THE Prudential Corporation, which has over £30 billion invested in the UK stock market, was given a bloody nose by its shareholders yesterday when over 10 per cent of them voted against its new executive share incentive scheme.

The revolt was led by Standard Life, the giant Scottish mutual insurer with a 2.65 per cent stake. Its opposition to the scheme was revealed in *The Times* yesterday.

At the count 69.5 million shares, representing 10.4 per cent of the vote, were cast against the motion to approve the scheme, which pays out to directors if the Prudential performs better than the sixtieth-best company in the FT-SE 100 index over three years.

# Water bid places 1,000 jobs at risk

By Christine Buckley

MORE THAN 1,000 jobs are likely to go in the South of England if Southern Electric wins a bid for Southern Water. The regional electricity company yesterday launched a £1.6 billion rival offer to the £1.56 billion hostile approach made on Tuesday by ScottishPower.

The board of Southern Water, whose four main members will net £1.3 million from share options and keep their jobs in an enlarged organisation, have recommended the deal. Salary increases for the board members are expected as new roles have been created in the revamped board structure. Southern Electric will close Southern Water's head office in Worthing, West Sussex, and will merge operations such as billing and information technology. Several analysts forecast annual savings of about £45 million a year and that the combined staff numbers of about 6,100 would shrink to just over 5,000.

Pressure will now be on for a higher offer from ScottishPower, the integrated generation and supply business that last year bought Manweb, the English regional company, for £1.1 billion.

Southern Electric yesterday bought 10 per cent of Southern Water's shares for £156 million in a morning swoop on the market. Its bid is offering £10.13p a share in cash and new shares, and £9.75p a share in a cash deal. Southern Water's shares jumped 46p to 987p on the new bid.

Southern Electric revealed, pre-tax profits of £293.9 million, up 16.6 per cent on the previous year. Its total dividend rises 25 per cent to 38.3p.

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| FT-SE 100 | 3775.7 | (+15.5) |
| Yield | 4.0% | |
| FT-SE A All share | 1896.29 | (+8.4) |
| Nikkei | 22021.50 | (+76.97) |
| New York: | | |
| Dow Jones | 5703.39 | (-6.28)* |
| S&P Composite | 672.57 | (+0.34)* |
| Federal Funds | 5¼%* | (5¼%) |
| Long Bond | 89[illegible]* | (89[illegible]) |
| Yield | 6.87%* | (6.86%) |
| 3-mth Interbank | 6[illegible]% | (6[illegible]%) |
| Liffe long gilt future (Jun) | 106¼ | (106[illegible]) |
| New York: | | |
| $ | 1.5213* | (1.5138) |
| London: | | |
| $ | 1.5193 | (1.5129) |
| DM | 2.3477 | (2.3415) |
| FFr | 7.9444 | (7.9195) |
| SFr | 1.9329 | (1.9271) |
| Yen | 165.21 | (164.26) |
| £ Index | 85.4 | (85.1) |
| London: | | |
| DM | 1.5448* | (1.5470) |
| FFr | 5.2280* | (5.2350) |
| SFr | 1.2705* | (1.2725) |
| Yen | 108.77* | (108.86) |
| $ Index | 97.7 | (97.9) |
| Tokyo close Yen 108.90 | | |
| Brent 15-day (Aug) | $18.15 | ($18.30) |
| London close | $391.25 | ($392.15) |

* denotes midday trading price

# Britain is making a 'striking comeback'

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN is improving its place in the global competitiveness league table, according to a report published today. The World Economic Forum (WEF) ranks Britain 15th out of 49 countries that together account for 94 per cent of world economic output. The WEF says the UK has made a "striking comeback" over the past year.

Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand, the USA and Luxembourg fill the first five places, with India, Hungary, Venezuela, Brazil and Russia at the bottom. Japan and Germany are ranked 13th and 22nd respectively, with France 23rd and Italy 41st.

Britain scores well in terms of financial depth and ease of hiring and firing, but badly over education and training. In investment it is second to bottom.

The report says Anglo-Saxon economies largely outrank those in the rest of the EU, and that countries such as the USA and Britain have definitely improved their competitiveness — though it warns that as a result, "job insecurity and income inequality are becoming very serious concerns."

The WEF's findings contrast sharply with a forthcoming similar report on competitiveness from the International Institute for Management Development, preliminary details of which were released earlier this week. The IMD's report said Britain has slipped from 15th to 19th place in its world competitiveness league.

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# Farmers to harvest shares from Dairy Crest flotation

By Paul Durman

ABOUT 27,000 dairy farmers will receive shares and cash worth an average of £7,500 when Dairy Crest, the milk and cheese company, is floated on the stock market this summer.

The farmers own Dairy Crest via the Residuary Milk Marketing Board (RMMB), a vestige of the dairy industry as it existed before deregulation in 1994.

Farmers will be offered about £66 million in cash as a repayment of the money Dairy Crest provided to set up Milk Marque, the body that has taken over the sale of the bulk of the UK's milk production. Most farmers will also receive shares in the company, which is expected to command a market value of £200 million.

The RMMB is pushing ahead with the flotation in spite of receiving a number of offers to buy Dairy Crest or parts of it. Sir Derek Andrews, the RMMB's chairman, said the board judged that dairy farmers wanted Dairy Crest to remain as a "third force" in the industry alongside Northern Foods and Unigate.

Dairy Crest dismissed fears about a threat from BSE, or mad cow disease. John Houliston, chief executive, said: "There's not the slightest intimation anywhere that there's any connection between milk and BSE."

Even if the Government ends up culling many more dairy cows than it currently proposes, the company believes any impact on its profits will be modest. Mr Houliston said Dairy Crest would move to making more high-margin products, such as mature cheddar.

The company also reported an 11 per cent increase in operating profits to £35.4 million for the year to March 31. The absence of restructuring costs meant that this produced a 69 per cent boost in pre-tax profits to £37.4 million. Annual sales were £739.6 million.

Although Dairy Crest faces the industry-wide problem of sharply declining doorstep deliveries and powerful customers in the shape of the supermarkets, it hopes to concentrate on branded goods with higher profit margins. Clover spreads, Frijj milk shakes, mature cheddars and other "value-added" products represent about 40 per cent of the £350 million a year consumer foods arm of the business.

Dairy Crest, a strong cash generator, has no debt and will not raise further funds when it comes to the market. New shares will be issued to pay off the £66 million due to farmers. The timetable for the flotation has still to be finalised.

Since 1990, the company has cut staff numbers from 12,500 to 3,400, and reduced the number of its plants from from 32 to 11. It has closed its Whitland creamery and, last November, bought Mendip Foods to form the UK's biggest mature cheddar business.

Dairy Crest is being advised by Lazards and by Hoare Govett as brokers. The RMMB is advised by Schroders.

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ANDRE CAMARA

Mike Dowdall, left, Dairy Crest's chairman, and John Houliston reported higher profits

# Anglian to invest customer rebates

By Christine Buckley

WATER customer rebates will not be offered in East Anglia for the foreseeable future after a poor response and some hostility from households.

Alan Smith, managing director of Anglian Water, which last year increased pretax profits 3.7 per cent to £238.6 million, said: "People don't warm to £6 a year or so. In fact they think it's derisory. We've found they would much rather see the money spent on improvements."

Anglian is to put an extra £17 million into customer service improvements, making £32 million for the year. It announced a dividend increase of 15.4 per cent, taking the total to 30p (26p).

It is also planning to increase cost savings to £40 million a year by 1998. Last year it saved £20 million through extra efficiencies. Some of the increased savings will come from job reductions, but the company is not indicating how many positions will be lost.

Anglian is looking overseas for expansion. Last year its operations in the Americas, Europe and Asia produced an operating loss of £5.7 million. In the previous year the loss was £6.3 million.

With £6 million a year spent on marketing, Mr Smith said it would be a few years before the overseas division would break even. "It is a difficult road but it is important to remain on it," he said. The final dividend of 21.1p is payable October 1.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Gilts auction boost by cash-rich institutions

THE Treasury breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as demand at the second big gilts auction of the year exceeded market expectations. Pension funds and life insurers were particularly large buyers as cash-rich institutions sought to find a home for their money. The institutions have particularly high liquidity at the moment and tend to favour long-term gilts which are a good match for long-term liabilities.

But economists said political uncertainty before the next election was likely to cast a cloud over the gilt-edged market in the next few months. The Bank of England said that the £3 billion 8 per cent gilts 2021 auction was covered two times. The average price accepted was 96½, below the pre-bid close of 96 15/16, after last minute pressure for the price to cheapen. The yield tail was two basis points and the price tail was 3/16. The average yield was 8.33 per cent.

### KHD fraud complaint

KLOECKNER-HUMBOLDT-DEUTZ, the troubled German engineering firm, has filed a complaint against 15 people, including the deputy chairman, in a case of fraud that could cost the company DM650 million, prosecutors said yesterday. That is twice as high as KHD's total equity, making it difficult for Deutsche Bank, its main shareholder, to step in with financial assistance. Regine Appenrodt, the Cologne public prosecutor, said prosecutors were now investigating top KHD employees on suspicion of fraud and embezzlement. Three directors have been suspended.

### MCA boosts Seagram

SEAGRAM, the wine and spirits group that last year bought MCA, the Hollywood studio, yesterday reported operating earnings of $304 million, up 85 per cent, on revenues of $2.5 billion in the quarter to April 30. The gain was entirely due to the inclusion of MCA, whose operating profits in the period were $108 million, down 17 per cent. Profits from the core beverage division fell 9 per cent to $148 million because of the soft market in North America. Seagram that said MCA's results were weaker because of significant investment spending in its music and recreation divisions.

### DY Davies halts at 11p

SHARES in DY Davies, the troubled architectural services company, were suspended at 11p yesterday after directors asked NatWest, the principal bank, to appoint an administrative receiver. In April a number of subsidiaries of DY Davies were put into creditors' voluntary liquidation in an effort to protect other parts of the business but trading has continued to be difficult. The company lost £326,000 before tax in its last full financial year. Interim results, published in February, showed that half-year losses had risen to more than £1 million.

### Texas chairman dies

JERRY JUNKINS, chairman of Texas Instruments, the American computer manufacturer, died yesterday of a heart attack during a business trip to Europe. Mr Junkins, 58, joined TI in 1959 and became president and chief executive officer in 1985 and chairman in 1988. The company said vice chairmen Bill Mitchell and Pat Weber would oversee day-to-day operations for the near future. Mr Junkins was on the the board of directors of Caterpillar Incorporated, Procter & Gamble and 3M. Trading in Texas shares was suspended after news of his death.

### Rolls-Royce 'stronger'

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero-engines to industrial power group, is continuing to strengthen its competitive position, Sir Ralph Robins, the chairman, told the annual meeting yesterday. Civil aviation was a long-term growth industry and the market was showing signs of recovery, while the defence aerospace business looked more stable, he said. Sir Ralph said 1995 had been a year of "significant progress" but said the group had to sustain the rate of progress to secure its position as an international leader in power systems. Rolls-Royce shares eased ½p to 228½p.

### Carlisle to refocus

CARLISLE GROUP, the property investment company, said it is set to refocus on the nursing home sector with the appointment of Dev Pritchard, founder of Takare, the nursing home company, as joint chief executive. Mr Pritchard has agreed to invest up to £20.6 million in the company for new shares at 10.57p each. The company also announced a free bonus share on a one-for-four basis. Carlisle said year-end losses of £4.06 million were due to discontinued activities and write-downs. Losses were 2.6p a share, against earnings of 1.2p. There is again no dividend.

# Healthy rise in Japanese output

From Reuter in Tokyo

JAPAN announced a healthy increase in industrial output, reinforcing the view that a gradual economic recovery is continuing. But economists said the recovery had not gained sufficient momentum for Japan to alter its five-year policy of low interest rates.

The Trade Ministry reported that Japanese firms increased production by a preliminary 3.9 per cent in April on the previous month, when the figure dipped 6.0 per cent.

Robust output of personal computers and cellular phones led the growth in April, but the ministry said many companies still held high excess stocks. The output data was largely as expected.

Tokyo financial markets shrugged off the news. There was moderate selling of Japanese government bonds but this soon petered out. Masaru Takagi, chief economist at Fuji Research Institute, said: "Japan's industrial production is still in a good shape, but the speed of the recovery is slow ... we have to say that we cannot see any strong economic expansion yet." He added that the economy would continue to recover, at least until the summer, supported by government stimulus packages. "But after this autumn, there is no guarantee that the economic recovery will continue".

The Bank of Japan has for the past five years adopted an easy monetary policy to support the economy, but financial market participants have speculated that it could start tightening its grip once the economy shows true strength.

# Freightliner is sold to buyout

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

FREIGHTLINER, British Rail's £80 million a year container freight subsidiary, has been sold to a management buyout consortium backed by 3i and Electra Fleming, the venture capital groups.

The deal was secured after the Government agreed to inject £75 million into the loss-making company over five years to cover track access charges.

Freightliner operates from main deep sea ports such as Felixstowe, Southampton and Tilbury and carries about 20 per cent of Britain's containerised freight.

The company's 1,000 wagons carry freight containers to inland terminals, where they are collected by a fleet of 240 lorries.

David Rutherford, the managing director, who led the buyout team, said: "We are delighted to have won the opportunity of developing Freightliner into a first-class business.

"We believe it has a great future and we have ambitious plans in co-operation with our customers and the ports community to increase volumes of freight on rail by over 50 per cent over the next few years."

The sale means that all but one of British Rail's freight operations have now been privatised. The exception is Rail Freight Distribution, the heavily loss-making international freight business.

The company operates freight trains through the Channel Tunnel and is believed to lose about £60 million a year.

Rutherford: expansion plans

## Senior partner denies backing Opposition

# KPMG and Labour at odds again

By James Landale
Political Reporter

KPMG, the accountancy firm, was at odds with the Labour Party again last night after Colin Sharman, its UK senior partner, denied backing the Opposition in an article published this month.

Tensions arose between KPMG and Labour last month when Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, accused several accountancy firms of giving clients misleading advice over the party's tax policies. KPMG cancelled a series of client seminars that it said had been misrepresented in the press. Writing in the latest edition of *Renewal*, a Labour-supporting journal, Mr Sharman says Labour should be taken seriously by British business and backs much of Tony Blair's modernising reforms. He argues that business should not necessarily believe that only one party can govern Britain.

"From the leader of the party downwards, Labour politicians seem eager to listen, argue, present their policies and, crucially, seek professional advice," he says. "That must be welcome whatever political stance you take."

He says Tony Blair is master of his own party in a way that previous Labour leaders were not and has used that strength to drive a policy agenda in tune with the latter part of the 20th century. "Business is now planning for the prospect of a government led by Blair and Brown rather than Major and Clarke in the next year."

Labour sources said last night that the article clearly showed that their message was getting across to business.

However, Mr Sharman denied that he was trying to repair relations with Labour. The article, he said, had been written and submitted in January, long before the dispute broke out. "I set out to produce a reasoned, balanced assessment," he said.

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| Austria Sch | 17.47 | 15.97 |
| Belgium Fr | 51.11 | 46.81 |
| Canada $ | 2.192 | 2.032 |
| Cyprus Cyp£ | 0.754 | 0.699 |
| Denmark Kr | 9.62 | 8.82 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.77 | 7.12 |
| France Fr | 8.35 | 7.70 |
| Germany Dm | 2.50 | 2.29 |
| Greece Dr | 385 | 360 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.38 | 11.38 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.02 | 0.94 |
| Israel Shk | 5.37 | 4.72 |
| Italy Lira | 2464 | 2309 |
| Japan Yen | 178.80 | 162.80 |
| Malta | 0.591 | 0.536 |
| Netherlds Gld | 2.772 | 2.542 |
| New Zealand $ | 2.36 | 2.14 |
| Norway Kr | 10.55 | 9.75 |
| Portugal Esc | 251.50 | 233.00 |
| S Africa Rd | 7.22 | 6.42 |
| Spain Pta | 202.00 | 189.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.96 | 10.16 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.06 | 1.89 |
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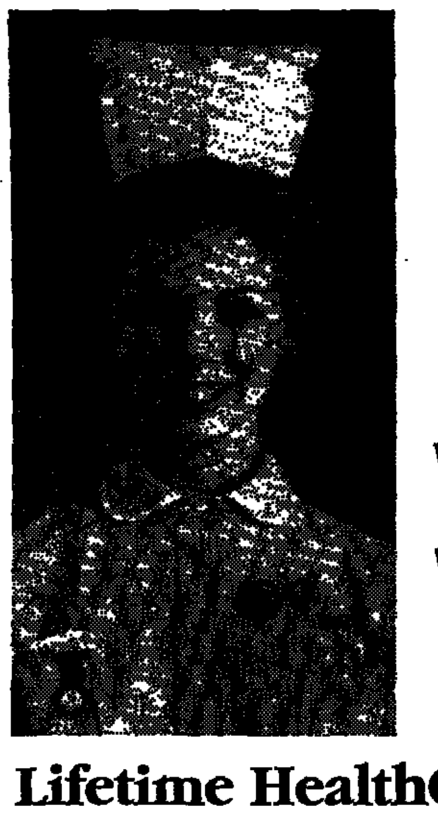

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☐ Why water bid taps are turned on ☐ Getting on board the milk float ☐ Bottom line on UK competitiveness

# Transparent attractions

☐ WATER was supposed to be the least attractive utility for predators. The regional companies were heavily regulated, and by their very nature monopolies with little scope to raise market share. Worst of all, they had to invest so much in improvements that borrowings went up each year. By contrast, telephones and cables had huge potential to expand, while electricity had cash spilling out of its pockets.

As the third of ten water and sewerage groups prepares to lose its independence, this view looks outdated. The latest 15 per cent dividend rise from Anglian Water helps to explain why. Low risk plus above-average returns does not need a salesman to sell it.

The original case for water companies was simple. Since they had to invest more than £30 billion to clean up water, sewage and beaches, they had to be allowed a decent return to attract the necessary funds. The sheer size of the financing added to the attraction. On the long view taken by the regulator, customers had to pay for a lot of the investment up front, via the companies' profits, to avoid too great a strain on borrowing. Yet the water companies were entitled to earn a return on this as well as investment they financed. Unless managers made a mess of things, for instance by failing to control their ambitious investment programmes, rising real dividends were virtually guaranteed. Until Yorkshire got its shower curtains in a twist last year, the only substantive complaints were about the real price increases allowed under the regime to fund investment.

Like Southern, Anglian continues to cut costs by more than the regulator required and is going to need to invest heavily for many years ahead. Even the meanest regulator could not reasonably put its shareholders on a British Gas-style starvation diet. It will also continue to enjoy hefty tax allowances.

The market, taking a far shorter view than the regulator, sees businesses that can stand far more borrowing than scheduled. Anglian, Welsh and others have been chivvied by City fund managers to deal out special dividends, buybacks or handouts of preference shares. The combination of investment with guaranteed returns and tax allowances makes water companies a good good financial fit for any frustrated, cash-generating electricity company — or a baker or a candlestick maker, for that matter.

Whether water or electricity does the taking over is largely a matter of relative size. The multi-utility can be local, maximising cost savings, or cross-country, to spread the base for cross-selling other utility services. Either way, employees pay the costs.

## Down on the farm

☐ IT IS a scheme made for Brian Aldridge, a man well versed at picking his way through tortuous legislation in search of a money-making idea, but it is going to baffle the Grundy household. This is a shame, because the sums involved, between £5,000 and £10,000 per farmer, would mean more to the

Grundys of this world than any of the prosperous Archer clan.

The scheme in question is the flotation of Dairy Crest, the dairy products arm of the old Milk Marketing Board, after several false starts. This will bring to 28,000 farmers this unlooked-for bonus — provided they can understand the impenetrable literature arriving through their doors explaining it all.

The unwinding of the old MMB, a co-operative that has collected milk since the 1930s, was always going to be complicated. The MMB was effectively segmented in 1994 into Milk Marque, which continues to collect from most farmers, and Dairy Crest, selling that milk and other products on to the supermarkets and with a share of the declining doorstep market.

As a co-operative, the MMB was owned by the farmers who had paid it a levy over the years, and the Dairy Crest flotation this summer is a way of ensuring that debt, now standing at £66 million, is repaid. According to their standing with the residuary body now handling the MMB's affairs, they will get shares, cash, or a mix of both.

Full details are not yet worked out, but institutions will be pulled in to hold 25 to 30 per cent of the equity. The residuary body is convinced that small farmers want Dairy Crest to remain independent, as a counterweight to the more powerful Unigate and Northern Foods owned Express Dairies. But Dairy Crest has atttacted the interest of potential purchasers in the past, and a float would clean up the business neatly by stripping out those residual liabilities owed to the farmers and leaving it open to a straight takeover bid. The farmers' loyalties might then be tested.

## Middling through

☐ BEHIND the arguments over the report on international competitiveness from the World Economic Forum lie some depressing home truths.

Competitiveness specialists — the subject has now inevitably spawned a mini-industry all of its own to analyse it — will argue about the relative methodology of that report and a similar one from the International Institute for Management Development earlier this week that showed Britain overtaken economically by Finland and Chile.

Today's findings from the WEF are, at least, less gloomy than that. But even so, in table after table, chart after chart, the WEF report shows that the UK's performance as deeply mediocre in anything from per capita GDP to the cost of domestic air travel, from inflation to home security.

The worst judgment is on investment. Out of 49 countries, Britain ranks second from bottom (only Sweden is worse) on gross domestic investment, and third from bottom on gross national savings. Business leaders and politicians fret endlessly about the investment gap, insisting that investment is the central key to future economic growth. If so, then the WEF's findings suggest Britain will occupy a middling, mediocre world ranking for many years yet.

## Hopes derailed

☐ FEW of the commuters on the London-Tilbury-Southend "Misery Line" managed to double their money yesterday. This was left to the 22 institutions that backed its operator, Prism Rail, before an AIM float via a typical placing that left normal investors, including those commuters, scratching around in the aftermarket. When rail privatisation was initially mooted much was made of the chances to sell to enthusiasts and assorted anoraks, but the latter seem to have been left out in favour of the usual City suspects. A pity.

# Carlton hints at organic growth

By Eric Reguly

CARLTON Communications hinted strongly yesterday that it intends to grow organically and is unlikely to become a predator once new legislation easing media ownership takes effect later this year.

The comments came as Carlton announced a 19 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £143 million, in the half year to March 31. The better than expected figure led to increased forecasts for full-year profits.

Carlton's conservative stance suggests that it will not bid for HTV, the ITV company in the West of England and Wales, at the current market prices. The expectation of a free-for-all once the Broadcasting Bill is passed has pushed up the share prices of HTV and other small ITV companies in recent months. Carlton, which holds the ITV licences for the Midlands and London on weekdays, said that "many of our most tangible opportunities lie within our existing businesses, rather than beyond them".

Some analysts, however, said that Carlton probably intends to buy an additional ITV franchise and may have been simply "talking down the market" in the hopes that shares prices will fall.

HTV's other potential suitors are MAI, the financial services and media group that recently merged with United News & Media, and Granada. HTV shares lost 1p to 371p.

Carlton would not say whether its organic growth plans include buying TV sports rights. The FA Carling Premiership rights, the richest prize in TV sport, come on the market in June. A partnership formed by Carlton and Mirror Group is expected to bid against BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster which is 40 per cent owned by News International, the owner of *The Times*, for the rights between 1997 and 2003.

Carlton's profits rise was almost entirely due to better performance from its non-broadcasting activities. Operating profits from broadcast television was flat at £61 million. Operating profits from video production and distribution were up 13 per cent to £37.1 million, while film and TV services gained 33 per cent to £26.3 million.

Overall operating profits were £140 million, up 14 per cent, on turnover that rose 6 per cent to £847.8 million. Earnings per share were 15.3p against 12.7p. The interim dividend, payable on August 23, rises 17.5 per cent to 4.37p.

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# Betterware lifted by special payout

By Philip Pangalos

SHARES in Betterware jumped 6½p to 98½p after the door-to-door housewares retailer accompanied a recovery in full-year profits with plans to return some of its £10.3 million net cash pile through a 2.6p special dividend.

Organic growth helped Betterware to report pre-tax profits of £9.29 million in the 53-week period to March 2, compared with £1.01 million last time. Profits were boosted by a £1.1 million exceptional gain relating to VAT overpaid in earlier years, compared with an exceptional loss of £3.5 million last time. Turnover from the core direct-selling business grew by 10 per cent to £55 million, with the UK up 7 per cent and overseas operations ahead 39 per cent.

Andrew Cohen, chairman, expects overseas operations to grow from about 10 per cent of group turnover to more than 50 per cent within five to seven years. He said: "The momentum of last year has continued ... with the group trading around 10 per cent ahead of the previous year. We've had a very strong first quarter and the initiatives we took last year are bearing fruit."

Andrew Cohen: optimistic

There is a maintained final dividend of 1.75p, payable on July 22, giving an increased total of 5.2p (2.6p). Earnings before one-offs rose 50 per cent to 5.2p (3.5p) a share.

# Hiscox in Economic takeover

HISCOX Dedicated Insurance Fund is acquiring Economic Insurance, the regional insurance company, for £30.07 million.

The company also intends to acquire the 75 per cent of Hiscox Holdings it does not already own for £33.1 million.

The two deals will be funded partly by a £54.6 million open offer. Investors are offered one new share for each share held at 115p. Existing shares were unchanged at 138p.

The enlarged group, to be renamed Hiscox plc, will comprise of an insurance company with more than £500 million of gross written premiums and 370 staff. Robert Hiscox, chairman of Hiscox Holdings and a director of Hiscox Dedicated, said: "We will be able to take advantage of opportunities in the Lloyd's market and the company market."

# Granada rejects £1bn Forte offer

By Eric Reguly

SIR ROCCO FORTE's effort to buy back the hotel chains he lost in his battle with Granada failed yesterday when Granada rejected his offer.

Sir Rocco, the former chief executive of the Forte hotels and restaurants group, last week offered about £1 billion for some of the hotels in the Exclusive chain and most of the hotels in the Meridien chain. During the takeover battle, Forte valued all the properities in both groups at about £1.6 billion.

Granada, whose chief executive is Gerry Robinson, announced last week that it would sell the Exclusive hotels individually or in small groups, but would keep the Meridien because it had considerable potential for profit improvement.

The Exclusives include Brown's and the Hyde Park in London and the Eden in Rome. The 85 Meridien hotels are a notch below the Exclusives and are spread all over the world.

Sir Rocco said he did not want to buy the Exclusives alone and made an unsolicited offer for both chains, with the exception of some hotels. It is known that he was not interested in buying the Grosvenor House hotel in London, which accounts for about one-quarter of the value of the Exclusive chain, or the George V in Paris, which requries substantial improvements.

He said: "We secured substantial debt and equity funding to make our bid, and I am sorry that Granada has decided not to follow up on what we consider to be a good offer."

It does not appear that Sir Rocco will increase his offer. He said he will look for other opportunities in the hotels and leisure sector. With funding already in place from JP Morgan, CinVen and others, he may be able to move quickly.

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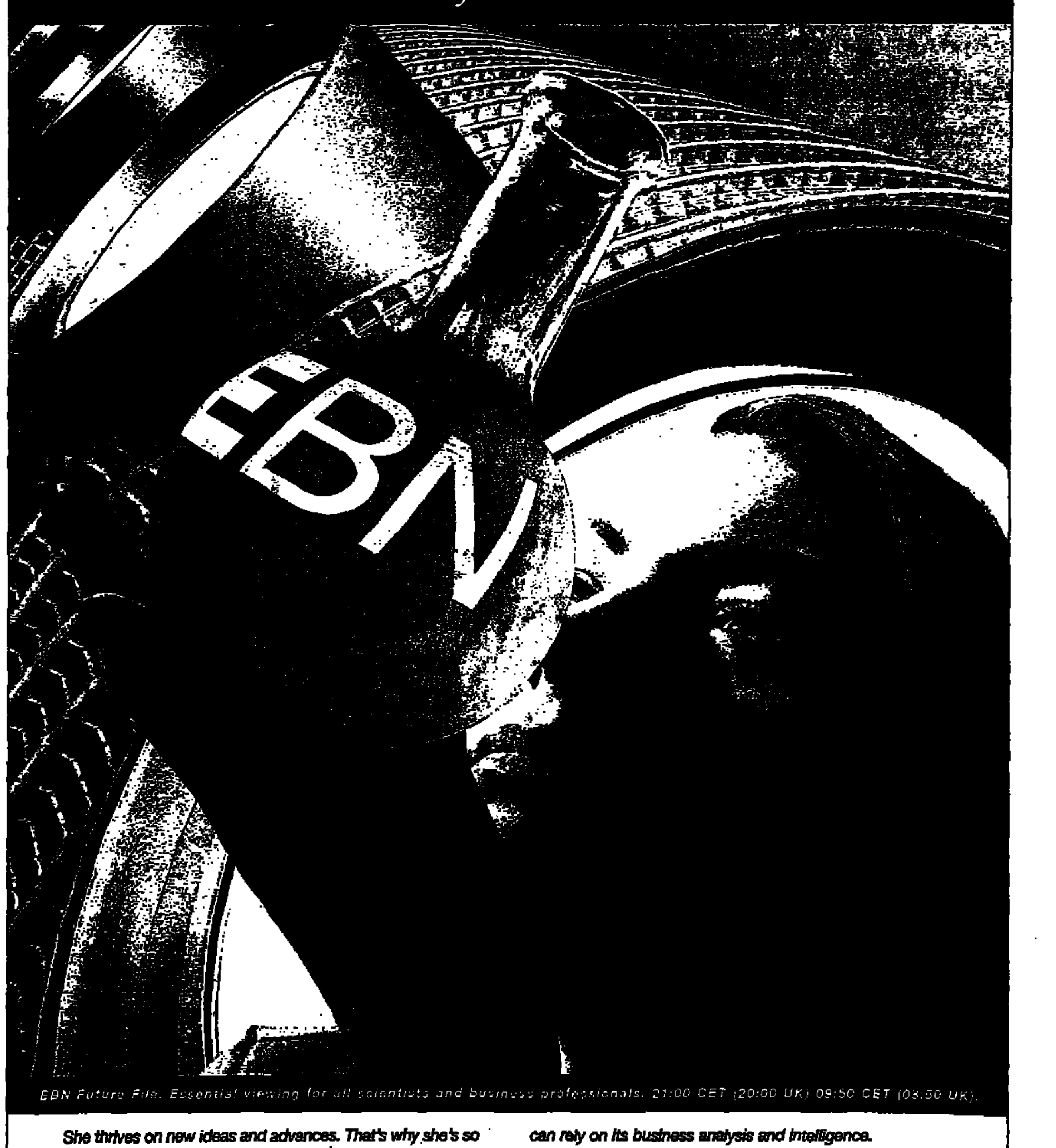

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

# Southern offers open floodgates on sector

CITY speculators have begun slaking their thirst on the water companies as the prospect of an expensive and drawn-out battle for control of **Southern Water** appears to be on the cards.

Yesterday Southern Water agreed terms of a £1.6 billion offer from **Southern Electric**, its local electricity supplier. It tops a previous offer from **ScottishPower** valuing it at £1.56 billion. The comparable offers per share are £10.13 from Southern Electric and 945p by ScottishPower.

Southern Water shares reacted to the news with a rise of 46p to 987p.

It is unlikely that either bid will create any problems for either of the regulators, which have already approved mergers such as Norweb and North West Electricity creating **United Utilities**, 14p dearer at 595p. Brokers must now wait to see if ScottishPower, up 6p at 325p, decides to top the offer from Southern Electric, down 19p at 707p.

The rest of the water companies were marked sharply higher as the speculators singled out those most vulnerable to a bid.

**Anglian Water**, whose chairman is Robin Gourlay, touched 623p before retreating to end the session 27p higher at 599p.

Alan Smith, managing director, spent most of the morning denying claims that his company had already received a takeover approach. He went on record as the group posted a rise in pre-tax profits during the first six months of the year, from £216 million to £238.6 million.

Other water companies on the move included **Mid Kent Water**, up 7p at 435p, and **South West Water**, 8p firmer at 671p. Both companies have received bid approaches which are now lodged with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and both are due to unveil figures later today. **South Staffordshire Water** climbed 47p to £25.15, with **Severn Trent** 34p higher at 595p. **Hyder** 11p at 769p, **Thames** 35p at 599p, and **Yorkshire Water** 68p at 758p.

The rest of the equity market shrugged off Wall Street's 50-point fall overnight, cheered by the success of the latest gilt auction and the takeover speculation. An initial markdown was quickly wiped out as selective support for the takeover favourites had the bears on the run. But the buyers never got into full swing and this was reflected in the low levels of turnover, with only 714 million shares traded. Even so, the FT-SE 100 index closed near its best of the day with a rise of 15.5 points at 3,775.7.

Among the leaders, **BT** was again driven high on the back of this week's buy recommendation from Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, finishing 8½p better at 348½p. A total of nine million shares were traded by the close.

**Vodafone**, the mobile telephone network operator, continued to benefit from a major review recommending the shares from ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, with the price adding 5p at 258p. Jim Ross, of Hoare, says Vodafone is better placed than its rivals to take advantage of the 25 per cent growth anticipated in the European mobile-phone market in the run-up to the year 2,000.

**Vendome**, the luxury goods supplier, finished a further 16p higher at 645p, after touching 664p earlier in the session. The shares have been a firm market of late amid speculation that Richemont, its parent company, will snap up the remaining third it does not already own.

Half-year figures at the top end of expectations lifted **Carlton**, owner of the London and Midlands independent television broadcasting franchises, 3p to 481p. Pre-tax profits came in at £143.1 million compared with £120.1 million last time, with brokers forecasting up to £300 million for the full year. The company says advertising revenue should benefit in the second half from the launch of Channel 5 and the Euro '96 football championship.

Another company expected to benefit from Euro '96 is **JJB Sports**, the fast-growing sportswear retailer. The price surged 45p to a record high of 800p, with parents expected to delve deep into their pockets this summer to pay for replica kits of the most popular teams.

**Betterware**, the door-to-door sales company, confirmed brokers' expectations that it is back on the road to recovery with a rise of 6½p to 98½p. It followed full-year pre-tax profits up from £1 million to £9.3 million. The shares have more than doubled in the past year.

**Kalamazoo Computer Group** surged 28p to 143p after announcing plans to splash out £22 million on EADS, Europe's biggest supplier of computer management systems.

To help to finance the deal, Kalamazoo is arranging a placing and open offer of new shares at 103p. It has also forecast a £1 million drop in profits sweetened by a rise in the dividend.

There was a positive start to trading in shares of **Recognition Systems Group**, the software specialist, following a placing by Albert E. Sharp, the broker, at 70p. The price started life at 90p before closing at 110p, a premium of 40p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The market gave a sigh of relief after the latest auction £3 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2021 was 2.04 times oversubscribed. The market also reacted positively to the news of a cut in Cheltenham & Gloucester's mortgage rate. The gains were not held and small losses were eventually recorded across the board.

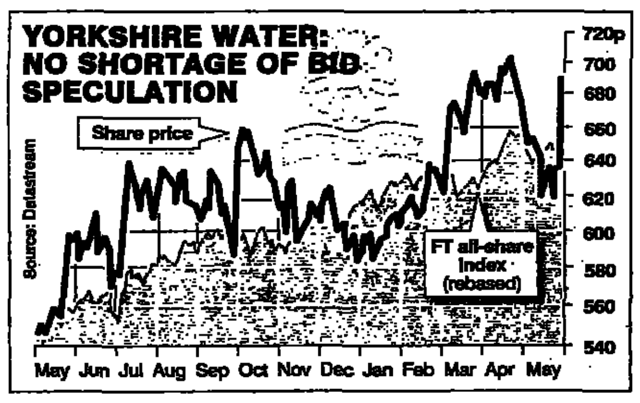
There was heavy turnover in the futures pit, with 103,000 contracts completed as the June series of the long gilt fell three ticks to £106$\frac{11}{32}$.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 shed a tick at £97⅛ as did Treasury 8 per cent 2000 at the shorter end, which closed at £102$\frac{9}{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Investors held back in early trading on Wall Street and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 6.28 points lower at 5,703.39.

Robin Gourlay, left, and Alan Smith of Anglian Water

**Cadbury Schweppes has slumped from a peak of 561p. Yesterday the price stood out with a rise of 10½p to 488½p on turnover of almost 4 million shares. Two brokers, ABN Amro Hoare Govett and Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull, take the view the shares have fallen far enough and rate them a buy.**



## MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

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|---|---|
| Dow Jones | 5703.39 (-6.28) |
| S&P Composite | 672.57 (-0.34) |

Tokyo:

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| Nikkei Average | 22021.50 (+76.97) |

Hong Kong:

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| Hang Seng | 11300.56 (+93.54) |

Amsterdam:

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| EOE Index | 566.72 (-1.38) |

Sydney:

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| AO | 2264.2 (+1.5) |

Frankfurt:

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| DAX | 2551.45 (-6.85) |

Singapore:

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| Straits | 2334.42 (-22.43) |

Brussels:

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| General | 9424.03 (-53.24) |

Paris:

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| CAC-40 | 2117.10 (-15.80) |

Zurich:

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| SKA Gen | 786.10 (-4.80) |

London:

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| FT 30 | 2806.9 (+13.3) |
| FT 100 | 3775.7 (+15.5) |
| FT-SE Mid 250 | 4514.8 (+10.4) |
| FT-SE-A 350 | 1911.7 (+7.1) |
| FT-SE Eurotrack 100 | 1692.00 (-7.17) |
| FT A All-Share | 1896.29 (+6.4) |
| FT Non Financials | 2019.01 (+6.08) |
| FT Fixed Interest | 111.75 (-0.11) |
| FT Govt Secs | 92.24 (-0.02) |
| Bargains | 34290 |
| SEAQ Volume | 714.3m |
| USM (Datastrm) | 221.01 (-0.24) |
| US$ | 1.5189 (+0.0067) |
| German Mark | 2.3472 (+0.0062) |
| Exchange Index | 85.4 (+0.3) |
| Bank of England official close (4pm) | |
| £:ECU | 1.2209 |
| £:SDR | 1.0528 |
| RPI | 152.6 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100 |
| RPIX | 152.0 Apr (2.9%) Jan 1987=100 |

## RECENT ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| AIM Trust | 101 | ... |
| Aberforth Sml | 102 | ... |
| Atlantis Japan Gth | 683 | - 6½ |
| Biocompatibles Uts | 130 | ... |
| CA Coutts (105) | 118 | ... |
| Emtech | 73 | ... |
| Epic Multimedia | 101 | + 8 |
| Gartmore Select Jap | 92 | ... |
| Hercules Prop Svcs | 60 | - 5 |
| INVESCO Eng Intl C | 101 | ... |
| Just Group | 5 | ... |
| La Senza (150) | 153 | - 2 |
| Luminar (200) | 280 | - 1 |
| Malden Group | 280 | + 2 |
| Mulberry Group | 181 | - 5 |
| Premiere Group | 133 | ... |
| Prism Rail | 205 | ... |
| Railtrack (190) | 214½ | - ½ |
| Recognition Sys | 110 | ... |
| Reflec | 90 | - 3 |
| Renaissance US | 98 | ... |
| Schroder Venture | 195 | ... |
| Stentor (72) | 113 | + 10 |
| Taiwan Inv Tst C | 96 | ... |
| Thomas Potts | 14 | - 1 |
| Tom Hoskins | 53 | ... |
| Vanguard Medica | 615 | ... |

## RIGHTS ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chelsfield n/p (220) | 37 | + 1 |
| Ibstock n/p (55) | 3½ | - 1½ |
| Porter Chad n/p (34) | 5 | ... |
| Proteus Intl n/p (45) | 26 | ... |

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Kalamazoo | 143p (+28p) |
| Monarch | 127p (+17p) |
| Silentnight | 257p (+28p) |
| Black Leis | 160p (+17p) |
| Castings | 228p (+13p) |
| JJB Sports | 800p (+45p) |
| Vendome | 645p (+16p) |

FALLS:

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|---|---|
| Alders | 194p (-12p) |
| Page (Micheal) | 309p (-15p) |
| MAID | 314p (-15p) |
| Photobition | 353p (-13p) |
| Micro Focus | 930p (-33p) |

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## TEMPUS

# High tide at Worthing

PERHAPS Southern Electric can be forgiven for acting in haste. The utilities sector is fast moving and many of its members are driven by instinct, fearing they will be left behind in the rush. First Southern Electric was extolling the virtues of vertical integration to its shareholders when it recommended the now outlawed National Power bid.

Now Southern Electric is declaring the benefits of horizontal integration with Southern Water in an effort to trump Tuesday's water bid by ScottishPower. The Scottish bid demands a swift response from Southern Electric which must have looked with horror on what would happen in 1998 when it would be fighting competition in gas and electricity with a super-utility on the doorstep.

Now Southern Electric justifies this move with cost savings and integration. Some £45 million is likely to be saved each year by the fusion of duplicated activities and the shedding of staff. The geographical fit of the two is not the best, with 40 per cent of Worthing-based Southern Water's area shared by Southern Electric, but it makes sense.

The full price Southern Electric is prepared to pay for its water neighbour will leave it with a gearing of 130 per cent. Such a level can be seen as over-reaching and it will certainly not help the company enter the competitive markets with a bang.

Southern Water shareholders will be laughing while those of Southern Electric can feel nothing but hemmed in. Maybe a new bidder for the electricity company will come to their rescue. Southern Electric — at 707p a share last night against the National Power offer of 960p — is certainly looking cheap.

## Carlton

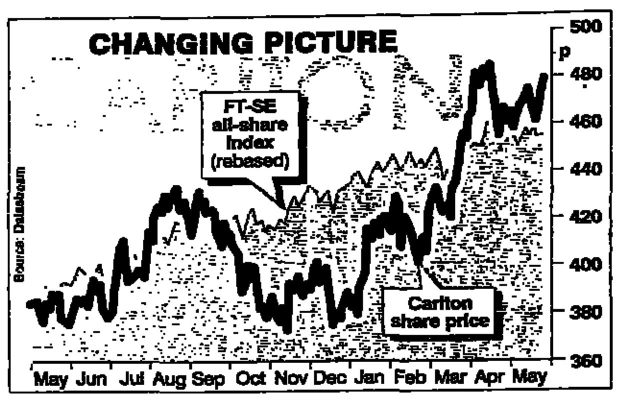
IN SPITE of strong organic growth in the second half, it is hard to imagine Carlton Communications will outperform the market over the next few years unless it starts to take bold steps.

ITV viewership is on the wane. The BBC is going through a renaissance, winning back audience share, while cable and satellite viewers are rising. The trend will inevitably erode ITV advertising revenue and, in turn, the value of ITV licenceholders.

There are a couple of solutions. One is to reduce unit costs by taking more of the market. The new Broadcasting Act will trigger consolidation, eventually reducing the number of players to two or three. HTV in the West of England and Wales, seems the natural prey for Carlton, while Yorkshire Tyne Tees TV will no doubt fall to Granada.

The other solution is to increase dramatically the number of distribution outlets. While Carlton is expanding its portfolio of channels, it still has a long way to go and should consider taking on an international partner to get broad exposure to as many English-language markets as possible.

Michael Green, Carlton's boss, is conservative by nature and the strategy has worked well for him so far. But, for the long-term health of his company, he should become far more aggressive, even if it risks gearing up the balance sheet.



## Dawson

DAWSON'S fortunes have been unravelling for some time. But just as shareholders dared to believe the group had begun to be knitted together, the wool has become entangled.

There was little cheer to be gained from yesterday's results, especially for shareholders who supported the group's 1994 rescue rights issue at 120p, compared with yesterday's close of 57p.

Last year's sharp rise in raw material prices, coupled with a reluctance of customers to part with their cash and the costly process of cutting stock levels, all took their toll. Profits were also dented by another, smaller, round of exceptional charges.

The £20 million decline in operating profits from continuing operations is too much to blame solely on market conditions. Dawson is, however, restructuring, which at the best of times can prove disruptive. The problem is that the group is not reaping the benefits as quickly as it would like.

While the recently appointed chairman is still in his honeymoon period, the battle to restore Dawson's fortunes is proving far from easy. Until tangible evidence of a recovery emerges, the shares should be avoided.

## Eurotunnel

ANOTHER summer in the Channel and already broadsides are flying between the ferry companies and Eurotunnel. Yesterday Eurotunnel halved the economy price of taking a car on Le Shuttle from £266 to £129. Stena Line, meanwhile, threatened to become even more competitive.

Shareholders in Eurotunnel, who are already awaiting news of a refinancing of their company, must have blanched when they heard the news. Eurotunnel maintains, however, that the new summer tariffs will not affect previous forecasts for a rise in turnover of at least 50 per cent during 1996. Someone must have believed the company because the shares rose 2p to 87p. Eurotunnel's commercial director did warn investors, however, that they were dealing in "the economics of the madhouse."

As if to bear this out, a common line from the French and British co-chairmen on when the debt talks with the banks would be settled appeared impossible. Patrick Ponsolle, in the French corner, said he was still hoping to announce agreement in principle with the banks at the June 27 shareholders' meeting.

In the British corner, Sir Alastair Morton said that he felt sure of an accord with the banks by the end of 1996, most likely during the summer. Sir Alastair plans to retire once an agreement with the banks has been reached. "I would like to announce the date of my departure in June, but I don't think I will," he said.

## COMMODITIES

### LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 1081-1068 | Jul | 1059 BID |
| Jul | 1101-1100 | Sep | 1072 SLR |
| Sep | 1122-1120 | Dec | 1082 BID |
| Dec | 1051-1050 | Mar | 1094-1092 |
| Mar | 1040-1039 | | |
| May | 1049-1048 | | Volume: 3828 |

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

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|---|---|---|---|
| May | 1892-1880 | Jan | 1757-1754 |
| Jul | 1814-1813 | Mar | 1731-1725 |
| Sep | 1794-1793 | May | 1720-1700 |
| Nov | 1786-1785 | | Volume: 2734 |

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

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| Reuters | | Mar | 327.4-26.6 |
| Spot: 392.5 | | May | 326.4-25.5 |
| Aug | 374.0-73.6 | Aug | 326.4-23.6 |
| Oct | 342.5-41.7 | Oct | 312.4-11.0 |
| Dec | 332.0-30.2 | | Volume: 1657 |

### MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 28

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 118.30 | 109.82 | 99.12 |
| (+/-) | -8.75 | -3.42 | +2.83 |
| Eng/Wales: | 117.95 | 144.06 | 99.47 |
| (+/-) | -9.64 | -0.98 | +3.25 |
| (%) | +23.0 | +22.0 | -8.0 |
| Scotland: | 124.31 | 155.86 | 98.07 |
| (+/-) | +5.14 | +13.22 | +1.56 |
| (%) | +5.0 | +9.0 | -7.0 |

### ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Physical | 19.00 | -0.50 |
| Brent 15 day (Jul) | 18.70 | -0.30 |
| Brent 15 day (Aug) | 18.15 | -0.25 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Jul) | 20.80 | -0.40 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Aug) | 19.90 | -0.35 |

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Premium Unld | 207 (-5) | 210 (-4) |
| Gasoil EEC | 172 (-4) | 174 (-4) |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | 83 (-1) | 85 (-1) |
| Naphtha | 190 (-4) | 193 (-3) |

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jun | 166.25-66.50 | Sep | 162.50-63.25 |
| Jul | 163.00-63.25 | Oct | 163.00-63.25 |
| Aug | 162.75-63.00 | | Vol: 9284 |

BRENT (6.00pm)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jul | 18.67-18.68 | Oct | 17.52 SLR |
| Aug | 18.13-18.15 | Nov | 17.16 BID |
| Sep | 17.75-17.77 | | Vol: 44152 |

### GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

| WHEAT (close £/t) | | BARLEY (close £/t) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jul | 130.25 | Sep | 106.50 |
| Sep | 113.00 | Nov | 108.65 |
| Nov | 114.75 | Jan | 110.90 |
| Jan | 116.75 | Mar | 114.00 |
| Mar | 119.00 | May | 115.25 |
| Volume: 279 | | Volume: 61 | |

| POTATO (£/t) | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Jun | unq | 225.0 |
| Nov | – | 82.5 |
| Mar | – | 110.0 |
| | | Volume: 73 |

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

May 105.50-106.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jun 96 | 1250 | 1250 | 1250 |
| Jul 96 | 1220 | 1212 | 1212 |
| Oct 96 | 1330 | 1330 | 1330 |
| Jan 97 | 1345 | 1345 | 1345 |
| Vol: 59 lots | | | Open Interest: 4625 |

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### LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

| (Official) (Volume prev day) | Cash | 3mth | Rudolf Wolff Vol |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A ($/tonne) | 2545.0-2546.0 | 2437.0-2438.0 | 1194900 |
| Lead ($/tonne) | 825.00-826.00 | 827.50-828.00 | 145125 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1018.0-1018.5 | 1045.0-1046.0 | 397025 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 6200.0-6210.0 | 6245.0-6250.0 | 17115 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1548.0-1549.0 | 1580.0-1580.5 | 933500 |
| Nickel ($/tonne) | 7910.0-7915.0 | 8010.0-8015.0 | 81384 |

## LIFFE OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Jul | Calls Oct | Calls Jan | Puts Jul | Puts Oct | Puts Jan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alld Dom | 460 | 36 | 49½ | 55 | 2 | 8 | 15½ |
| (*490) | 500 | 11 | 26½ | 31½ | 16½ | 23½ | 34 |
| Argyll | 330 | 21½ | 31½ | 37½ | 5 | 10½ | 15 |
| (*344) | 360 | 6½ | 16 | 22 | 20 | 25 | 29½ |
| ASDA | 110 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| (*118) | 120 | 4 | 6½ | 9½ | 5 | 8 | 9½ |
| Boots | 600 | 18½ | 32½ | 40½ | 14 | 22 | 29 |
| (*612½) | 650 | 2½ | 12½ | 19½ | 51½ | 54½ | 59 |
| Br Airways | 550 | 22 | 35½ | 44½ | 12½ | 21 | 26½ |
| (*567½) | 600 | 4 | 14 | 22 | 46 | 51 | 54½ |
| BP | 550 | 25 | 35 | 44 | 8 | 16 | 21½ |
| (*562½) | 600 | 4 | 13 | 20½ | 38½ | 43½ | 48½ |
| Br Steel | 160 | 19 | 20 | 21½ | 2 | 4½ | 6½ |
| (*178) | 180 | 4½ | 8 | 11½ | 11½ | 14 | 17 |
| C & W | 420 | 32 | 43½ | 52½ | 5½ | 13½ | 18½ |
| (*450) | 460 | 10 | 23 | 32½ | 23½ | 32½ | 37½ |
| CU | 600 | 32½ | 42 | 55½ | 8½ | 20½ | 26 |
| (*620) | 650 | 8 | 17½ | 30 | 35 | 48½ | 53½ |
| ICI | 850 | 27½ | 43½ | 61 | 20 | 36 | 41½ |
| (*852½) | 900 | 8½ | 22½ | 39 | 50½ | 66½ | 71 |
| Land Sec | 600 | 35 | 36 | 44½ | 6½ | 12 | 17½ |
| (*634½) | 650 | 3 | 12½ | 20 | 39 | 40½ | 44½ |
| M & S | 420 | 43½ | 52½ | 57½ | 0½ | 3½ | 7 |
| (*459½) | 460 | 13 | 24½ | 31½ | 10 | 16 | 20½ |
| Nat West | 600 | 41½ | 51½ | 64½ | 6½ | 19 | 25 |
| (*629½) | 650 | 14 | 26½ | 39½ | 29 | 44 | 50 |
| Sainsbury | 360 | 33½ | 42½ | 47½ | 1½ | 4½ | 9 |
| (*389½) | 390 | 12½ | 23 | 28½ | 9½ | 15 | 20 |
| Shell | 900 | 42 | 57 | 67 | 7½ | 19 | 22½ |
| (*929½) | 950 | 13 | 27½ | 39½ | 29½ | 43 | 46 |
| Smkl Bch | 638 | 38½ | 53½ | — | 7½ | 20 | — |
| (*662) | 687 | 13½ | 28½ | — | 31½ | 44 | — |
| Storehse | 300 | 22 | 31 | — | 4 | 8½ | — |
| (*321) | 330 | 6 | 15 | — | 18½ | 23 | — |
| Trafalgar | 50 | 1 | 1½ | — | 0½ | 0½ | — |
| (*50½) | 60 | 0 | 0 | — | 9½ | 9½ | — |
| Zeneca | 1350 | 77 | 113½ | 143½ | 22 | 46 | 61½ |
| (*1396) | 1400 | 47 | 84 | 117 | 42 | 69 | 84 |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Jan | Aug | Nov | Jan |
| BAT Ind | 500 | 34½ | 43½ | 52 | 15 | 22½ | 29½ |
| (*519) | 550 | 11 | 21 | 29½ | 44½ | 51 | 53 |
| Vodafone | 240 | 24½ | 32 | 34 | 5 | 11 | 13½ |
| (*257½) | 260 | 13 | 21 | 23½ | 13 | 20½ | 23 |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Feb | Aug | Nov | Feb |
| Grand Met | 420 | 33½ | 41½ | 48 | 8½ | 12½ | 18 |
| (*442½) | 460 | 11½ | 21 | 27½ | 28 | 32 | 38 |
| Ladbroke | 180 | 21 | 23 | 28 | 7 | 10 | 13 |
| (*191) | 200 | 10 | 14 | 18½ | 17 | 20½ | 23½ |
| Utd Bisc | 220 | 13 | 17½ | 21½ | 10 | 14 | 16½ |
| (*220) | 240 | 5½ | 9 | 13 | 22½ | 26 | 28½ |

May 29, 1996 Tot: 34960 Call: 19796 Put: 15164 FT-SE Call: 11912 Put: 5415

*Underlying security price.

| | Series | Calls Jul | Calls Oct | Calls Jan | Puts Jul | Puts Oct | Puts Jan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA | 460 | 39½ | 47 | 52 | 1½ | 6½ | 11 |
| (*498) | 500 | 11 | 22 | 28 | 15½ | 22 | 27 |
| Thames W | 550 | 50 | 52 | 57 | 7 | 13 | 16 |
| (*599) | 600 | 11½ | 22 | 30½ | 29 | 35 | 40 |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Feb | Aug | Nov | Feb |
| BTR | 280 | 13 | 17½ | 21½ | 7 | 12½ | 14½ |
| (*282) | 300 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 19½ | 25½ | 26½ |
| Br Aero | 850 | 66½ | 83 | 101 | 14 | 25½ | 31½ |
| (*891½) | 900 | 36 | 54 | 73 | 34 | 47 | 53½ |
| Br Telecm | 330 | 26 | 28½ | 32 | 9 | 12½ | 17½ |
| (*348½) | 360 | 9 | 13 | 17½ | 25½ | 29 | 34 |
| Cadbury | 460 | 42 | 50 | 50½ | 7 | 13½ | 16½ |
| (*488) | 500 | 18½ | 28 | 37 | 24 | 31½ | 34½ |
| Guinness | 460 | 29 | 36½ | 45 | 8½ | 15½ | 18 |
| (*475) | 500 | 9 | 17 | 25 | 29½ | 36½ | 37 |
| GEC | 360 | 19½ | 26 | 31½ | 10½ | 15 | 19 |
| (*372) | 390 | 6 | 12½ | 18 | 29½ | 32½ | 36 |
| Hanson | 180 | 13 | 16½ | 19 | 4 | 7½ | 10½ |
| (*191) | 200 | 3½ | 7½ | 10½ | 15 | 18½ | 21½ |
| LASMO | 180 | 11 | 16 | 19 | 7½ | 10 | 10½ |
| (*181) | 200 | 3½ | 7½ | 10 | 20 | 22 | 22 |
| Lucas | 220 | 26 | 28½ | 30 | 9 | 14½ | 15½ |
| (*233) | 240 | 15½ | 18 | 20 | 17½ | 23½ | 25½ |
| Pilkingtn | 191 | 12 | — | — | 8 | — | — |
| (*195) | 210 | 4½ | — | — | 20 | — | — |
| Prudential | 420 | 26 | 32½ | 41½ | 11 | 19 | 22½ |
| (*424) | 460 | 9 | 14½ | 23 | 34½ | 41½ | 44½ |
| Redland | 390 | 27½ | 36 | 41½ | 10 | 16 | 19 |
| (*403) | 420 | 12½ | 21 | 26½ | 25 | 31½ | 34 |
| R-Royce | 220 | 18 | 23½ | 28½ | 7 | 10½ | 13 |
| (*228½) | 240 | 8 | 14 | 18½ | 17 | 21 | 23½ |
| Tesco | 280 | 26 | 31½ | 36½ | 4 | 9½ | 11 |
| (*298) | 300 | 13½ | 20 | 25½ | 12½ | 18 | 19½ |
| Williams | 300 | 35 | 37½ | — | 1½ | 5½ | — |
| (*329½) | 330 | 13 | 17 | — | 10½ | 16½ | — |

FT-SE INDEX (*3779½)

| | 3650 | 3700 | 3750 | 3800 | 3850 | 3900 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calls | | | | | | |
| Jun | 142½ | 100 | 61½ | 32 | 13½ | 4 |
| Jul | 158 | 121 | 86½ | 58½ | 33½ | 18½ |
| Aug | 171½ | 135 | 105 | 76½ | 51½ | 34 |
| Sep | 194 | 159½ | 127½ | 99½ | 75 | 54½ |
| Dec | — | 216½ | — | 161 | — | 112½ |
| Puts | | | | | | |
| Jun | 7 | 13 | 27 | 48 | 80½ | 125 |
| Jul | 20½ | 31½ | 51 | 71 | 97½ | 133 |
| Aug | 37½ | 51 | 71 | 93 | 118½ | 151½ |
| Sep | 54½ | 70½ | 87½ | 109½ | 135 | 165½ |
| Dec | — | 102½ | — | 145½ | — | 198 |

| | Series | Calls Jun | Calls Sep | Calls Dec | Puts Jun | Puts Sep | Puts Dec |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abby Nat | 550 | 24½ | 39 | 51½ | 4 | 18 | 25 |
| (*569) | 600 | 2½ | 15½ | 28 | 32 | 45½ | 52 |
| Amstrad | 140 | 20½ | 26½ | 29 | 0½ | 3½ | 6 |
| (*159) | 160 | 6½ | 15 | 18 | 5½ | 10 | 13 |
| Barclays | 750 | 25½ | 43 | 58½ | 0½ | 24 | 30 |
| (*767) | 800 | 4 | 18½ | 32½ | 35 | 52 | 57 |
| Blue Circ | 330 | 27 | 36½ | 42 | 1 | 7½ | 12½ |
| (*355) | 360 | 6 | 18 | 25 | 11 | 20 | 25½ |
| Br Gas | 180 | 9 | 16½ | 20 | 3½ | 8 | 12½ |
| (*184½) | 200 | 1½ | 8 | 11½ | 16½ | 19 | 25 |
| Dixons | 500 | 12½ | 27 | 39½ | 10½ | 25½ | 30 |
| (*501) | 550 | 0½ | 9½ | 19½ | 49 | 59 | 61½ |
| Forte | 343 | 30 | 35½ | — | 0 | 0½ | — |
| (*373) | 373 | 6 | 13 | — | 2½ | 7 | — |
| Tarmac | 120 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 8 | 11½ |
| (*120) | 130 | 1 | 6 | 8½ | 11 | 14 | 17 |
| Hillsdwn | 180 | 5 | 10½ | 13½ | 3½ | 8 | 11 |
| (*180) | 200 | 0½ | 3½ | 6 | 20 | 21 | 23 |
| Lonrho | 180 | 7 | 12 | 17½ | 2 | 7 | 8½ |
| (*184½) | 200 | 0½ | 4 | 8½ | 15½ | 19½ | 20 |
| Sears | 90 | 5½ | 8½ | 9½ | 1 | 2½ | 4 |
| (*93½) | 100 | 1 | 3½ | 5 | 7 | 8 | 10 |
| Thorn | 1700 | 108½ | 147½ | 180 | 7 | 42 | 55½ |
| (*1798) | 1800 | 40½ | 89 | 127 | 36 | 87½ | 100 |
| Tomkins | 240 | 10½ | 16 | 20 | 2 | 9½ | 12 |
| (*246½) | 260 | 2 | 7 | 11½ | 14 | 22 | 24 |
| Lloyds TSB | 292 | 28 | — | — | 0½ | — | — |
| (*318½) | 322 | 6½ | — | — | 8 | — | — |
| | Series | Jul | Oct | Jan | Jul | Oct | Jan |
| Glaxo W | 850 | 38 | 52½ | 70 | 17½ | 37 | 47 |
| (*865½) | 900 | 15 | 29 | 47½ | 44 | 65½ | 75 |
| HSBC | 950 | 58 | 78 | 100 | 14½ | 34 | 43 |
| (*986) | 1000 | 29 | 51 | 73 | 35 | 57½ | 66 |
| Reuter | 750 | 38 | 59½ | 73½ | 17 | 31½ | 40 |
| (*764½) | 800 | 15 | 35½ | 50 | 45 | 58 | 64 |
| | Series | Jul | Oct | Jan | Jul | Oct | Jan |
| Royal Ins | 420 | 22½ | 32 | 42 | 9½ | 20½ | 23½ |
| (*429) | 460 | 6½ | 15 | 24½ | 34 | 43 | 48 |
| | Series | Jul | Oct | Feb | Jul | Oct | Feb |
| Kingfishr | 600 | 20½ | 42½ | 50 | 12 | 23 | 31 |
| (*611) | 650 | 6 | 19½ | 35½ | 42 | 50½ | 58 |
| | Series | Jul | Oct | Dec | Jul | Oct | Dec |
| Unilever | 1200 | 46 | 71½ | 84 | 10½ | 21½ | 27 |
| (*1226) | 1250 | 18 | 41½ | 55 | 33 | 44 | 49 |
| | Series | Jun | Sep | Dec | Jun | Sep | Dec |
| Natl Pwr | 500 | 27 | 33 | 33½ | 4 | 32 | 36 |
| (*522) | 550 | 3 | 10 | 10½ | 30½ | 72½ | 73½ |
| Scot Pwr | 300 | 27½ | 34 | 36½ | 1 | 8 | 9½ |
| (*324½) | 330 | 8 | 16½ | 20½ | 11 | 22 | 24½ |

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Sett | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FT-SE 100<br>Previous open interest: 63200 | Jun 96 | 3756.0 | 3798.0 | 3752.0 | 3785.0 | 9588 |
| | Sep 96 | 3763.0 | 3792.0 | 3761.5 | 3793.0 | 434 |
| FT-SE 250<br>Previous open interest: 4141 | Jun 96 | | | | 4525.0 | 0 |
| | Sep 96 | | | | | 0 |
| Three Month Sterling<br>Previous open interest: 369170 | Jun 96 | 93.90 | 93.91 | 93.90 | 93.91 | 2737 |
| | Sep 96 | 93.84 | 93.84 | 93.81 | 93.83 | 8868 |
| | Dec 96 | 93.62 | 93.62 | 93.59 | 93.62 | 6665 |
| Three Mth Euro Yen | Sep 96 | 99.18 | 99.18 | 99.17 | 99.18 | 602 |
| | Dec 96 | 98.89 | 98.89 | 98.89 | 98.89 | 50 |
| Three Mth Euro DM<br>Previous open interest: 1117558 | Jun 96 | 96.72 | 96.73 | 96.71 | 96.73 | 17005 |
| | Sep 96 | 96.77 | 96.79 | 96.76 | 96.78 | 13941 |
| Long Gilt<br>Previous open interest: 134893 | Jun 96 | 106-12 | 106-12 | 106-00 | 106-08 | 104795 |
| | Sep 96 | 105-13 | 105-13 | 105-03 | 105-10 | 37488 |
| Japanese Govmt Bond | Jun 96 | 119.74 | 119.79 | 119.66 | 119.75 | 640 |
| | Sep 96 | 118.64 | 118.71 | 118.49 | 118.63 | 2776 |
| German Gov Bd Bund<br>Previous open interest: 195750 | Jun 96 | 96.92 | 96.99 | 96.83 | 96.96 | 77918 |
| | Sep 96 | 96.04 | 96.11 | 95.95 | 96.08 | 13627 |
| Three month ECU<br>Previous open interest: 25986 | Jun 96 | 95.66 | 95.66 | 95.64 | 95.66 | 585 |
| | Sep 96 | 95.73 | 95.73 | 95.72 | 95.73 | 455 |
| Euro Swiss Franc<br>Previous open interest: 69903 | Jun 96 | 97.61 | 97.70 | 97.61 | 97.69 | 3653 |
| | Sep 96 | 97.56 | 97.63 | 97.54 | 97.63 | 6186 |
| Italian Govmt Bond<br>Previous open interest: 61030 | Jun 96 | 116.40 | 116.59 | 116.20 | 116.56 | 38020 |
| | Sep 96 | 115.87 | 116.00 | 115.60 | 115.96 | 9183 |

## MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¾ Week fixed: 5$\frac{15}{16}$

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5$\frac{27}{32}$ : 3 mth 5$\frac{27}{32}$ . Sell: 2 mth 5$\frac{13}{16}$ : 3 mth: 5$\frac{13}{16}$ .

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prime Bank Bills (Dis): | 5$\frac{29}{32}$-5⅞ | 5⅞-5$\frac{27}{32}$ | 5⅞-5$\frac{27}{32}$ | 5⅞-5$\frac{27}{32}$ | |
| Sterling Money Rates: | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{3}{16}$-6$\frac{1}{16}$ | 6½-6$\frac{5}{16}$ |
| Interbank: | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{3}{16}$-6$\frac{1}{16}$ | 6½-6$\frac{5}{16}$ |

Overnight: open 5⅞, close 5⅞ .

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Local Authority Deps: | 5$\frac{29}{32}$ | n/a | 6 | 6⅛ | 6⅜ |
| Sterling CDs: | 6$\frac{1}{32}$-5$\frac{31}{32}$ | 6$\frac{1}{32}$-5$\frac{31}{32}$ | 6$\frac{1}{32}$-5$\frac{31}{32}$ | 6$\frac{3}{16}$-6$\frac{1}{8}$ | 6½-6⅜ |
| Dollar CDs: | 5.31 | n/a | 5.35 | 5.47 | 5.73 |
| Building Society CDs: | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{1}{16}$-6 | 6$\frac{3}{16}$-6$\frac{1}{16}$ | 6½-6$\frac{5}{16}$ |

## EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 5$\frac{1}{16}$-4$\frac{15}{16}$ | 5$\frac{3}{16}$-5$\frac{1}{16}$ | 5½-5⅛ | 5$\frac{9}{16}$-5$\frac{7}{16}$ | 5-4 |
| Deutschemark: | 3$\frac{5}{16}$-3$\frac{3}{16}$ | 3$\frac{5}{16}$-3$\frac{3}{16}$ | 3$\frac{5}{16}$-3$\frac{3}{16}$ | 3$\frac{5}{16}$-3$\frac{3}{16}$ | 3½-2¾ |
| French Franc: | 3⅞-3¾ | 3$\frac{15}{16}$-3$\frac{13}{16}$ | 3⅞-3¾ | 3$\frac{15}{16}$-3$\frac{13}{16}$ | 4-3 |
| Swiss Franc: | 2$\frac{5}{16}$-2$\frac{3}{16}$ | 2$\frac{5}{16}$-2$\frac{3}{16}$ | 2$\frac{5}{16}$-2$\frac{3}{16}$ | 2$\frac{5}{16}$-2$\frac{3}{16}$ | 2½-1½ |
| Yen: | $\frac{9}{16}$-$\frac{7}{16}$ | $\frac{9}{16}$-$\frac{7}{16}$ | ½-⅜ | ⅝-½ | n/a |

## GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.90-392.20 Close: $391.00-391.50 High: $391.90-392.20 Low: $390.05-390.55 AM: $391.65 PM: $391.00

Krugerrand: $390.50-393.50 (£256.75-258.75)

Platinum: $400.25 (£264.20) Silver: $5.36 (£3.515) Palladium: $132.00 (£86.95)

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mkt Rates for May 29 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 2.6240-2.6317 | 2.6260-2.6283 | ¼-⅛pr | 2½-2pr |
| Brussels | 48.15-48.29 | 48.24-48.28 | 13-8pr | 37-30pr |
| Copenhagen | 9.0432-9.0749 | 9.0650-9.0749 | 1½-1¼pr | 5½-4¼pr |
| Dublin | 0.9713-0.9746 | 0.9722-0.9739 | 8-5pr | 25-20pr |
| Frankfurt | 2.3449-2.3516 | 2.3465-2.3488 | ½-⅜pr | 1⅝-1½pr |
| Lisbon | 240.35-241.67 | 241.20-241.49 | ¼-¾ds | ½-⅞ds |
| Madrid | 195.08-196.38 | 196.21-196.38 | 21-30ds | 64-81ds |
| Milan | 2357.6-2366.9 | 2364.4-2366.9 | 5-6ds | 15-17ds |
| Montreal | 2.0841-2.0892 | 2.0841-2.0861 | 0.25-0.17pr | 0.49-0.38pr |
| New York | 1.5154-1.5197 | 1.5188-1.5197 | 0.082-0.062pr | 0.238-0.207pr |
| Oslo | 10.012-10.043 | 10.026-10.043 | ¼-⅛pr | ¾-¼pr |
| Paris | 7.9284-7.9492 | 7.9413-7.9476 | 1½-1¼pr | 4½-4pr |
| Stockholm | 10.319-10.361 | 10.332-10.352 | ¼-⅜ds | ¼-⅜ds |
| Tokyo | 164.80-165.36 | 165.11-165.31 | ⅝-⅜pr | 2½-2¼pr |
| Vienna | 16.467-16.527 | 16.510-16.527 | ½-¼pr | 1½-1pr |
| Zurich | 1.9288-1.9338 | 1.9319-1.9338 | ⅝-⅜pr | 1⅝-1⅜pr |

*Source: Extel* *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

## DOLLAR RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Australia | 1.2504-1.2512 |
| Austria | 10.87-10.88 |
| Belgium (Com) | 31.76-31.77 |
| Canada | 1.3740-1.3745 |
| Denmark | 5.9680-5.9710 |
| France | 5.2286-5.2311 |
| Germany | 1.5455-1.5460 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7380-7.7390 |
| Ireland | 1.5600-1.5615 |
| Italy | 1557.30-1557.60 |
| Japan | 108.68-108.78 |
| Malaysia | 2.5010-2.5020 |
| Netherlands | 1.7289-1.7294 |
| Norway | 6.6028-6.6103 |
| Portugal | 158.84-158.94 |
| Singapore | 1.4118-1.4128 |
| Spain | 129.07-129.17 |
| Sweden | 6.8092-6.8192 |
| Switzerland | 1.2718-1.2728 |

## OTHER STERLING

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 1.5170-1.5196 |
| Australia dollar | 1.8971-1.8992 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.5650-0.5770 |
| Brazil real* | 1.4836-1.4877 |
| China yuan | 12.00 Buy |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7125-0.7225 |
| Finland markka | 7.1575-7.2735 |
| Greece drachma | 366.25-373.25 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 11.7440-11.7509 |
| India rupee | 52.92-53.88 |
| Indonesia rupiah | 3500.00-3568.60 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4500-0.4600 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 3.7968-3.7995 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.2133-2.2156 |
| Pakistan rupee | 52.78 Buy |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.4525-5.5000 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.1428-2.1458 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 6.6180-6.7200 |
| U A E dirham | 5.5025-5.6265 |

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

## FT-SE VOLUMES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3i | 594 | Land Secs | 2,700 |
| ASDA Gp | 2,400 | Legal & Gn | 500 |
| Abbey Ntl | 1,100 | Lloyds TSB | 2,700 |
| Allied Dom | 3,200 | Marks Spr | 4,700 |
| Argos | 117 | NatWst Bk | 7,100 |
| Argyll Gp | 5,100 | Nat Grid | 1,600 |
| AB Foods | 1,400 | Nat Power | 3,700 |
| BAA | 1,400 | P & O | 1,000 |
| BAT Inds | 3,400 | Pearson | 1,100 |
| BOC | 598 | Pilkington | 1,700 |
| BP | 2,500 | PowerGen | 288 |
| BSkyB | 2,500 | Prudential | 5,700 |
| BTR | 7,700 | REXAM | 1,500 |
| BT | 8,900 | RMC | 455 |
| Bk of Scot | 3,700 | RTZ | 804 |
| Barclays | 4,300 | Rank Org | 1,400 |
| Bass | 2,300 | Reckitt Col | 900 |
| Blue Circle | 2,700 | Redland | 1,700 |
| Boots | 2,400 | Reed Intl | 1,400 |
| BAe | 369 | Rentokil | 2,400 |
| BA | 2,500 | Reuters | 1,300 |
| Brit Gas | 17,100 | Rolls Royce | 5,100 |
| Brit Steel | 6,200 | Royal Ins | 1,400 |
| Burmah Cstl | 1,100 | Ryl Bk Scot | 2,900 |
| Burton | 1,300 | Sainsbury | 896 |
| Cable Wire | 3,600 | Schroders | 562 |
| Cadbury | 3,700 | Scot & New | 177 |
| Carlton Cms | 5,000 | Scot Power | 4,500 |
| Cm Union | 528 | Svrn Trent | 4,800 |
| Coats Viyella | 2,000 | Shell Trans | 4,600 |
| Courtaulds | 334 | Siebe | 792 |
| Dixons | 3,200 | SmKl Bch | 5,700 |
| Enterpr Oil | 3,200 | Smith Nph | 1,200 |
| For & Col IT | 574 | Smiths Inds | 246 |
| GKN | 139 | Sthern Elec | 1,800 |
| GRE | 1,000 | Std Chartd | 2,500 |
| GUS | 2,100 | Sun Allnce | 1,600 |
| Gen Acc | 905 | TI Gp | 2,200 |
| Gen Elec | 3,000 | Tate & Lyle | 460 |
| Glaxo Well | 3,000 | Tesco | 6,300 |
| Granada | 2,200 | Thames W | 4,400 |
| Grand Met | 4,700 | Thrn EMI | 556 |
| Greenalls | 323 | Tomkins | 2,000 |
| Guinness | 2,700 | Unilever | 294 |
| HSBC | 1,800 | United Utils | 3,300 |
| Hanson | 4,500 | Vodafone | 5,500 |
| ICI | 1,600 | Whitbread | 4,200 |
| Kingfisher | 4,400 | Wlms Hld | 2,800 |
| LASMO | 2,800 | Wolseley | 643 |
| Ladbroke | 8,300 | Zeneca | 2,700 |

## WALL STREET

| | May 29 midday | May 28 close |
|---|---|---|
| AMP Inc | 42¾ | 42⅝ |
| AMR Corp | 93⅞ | 93¾ |
| ASA | 44⅛ | 44⅜ |
| AT & T | 64⅛ | 63⅞ |
| Abbott Labs | 42⅛ | 42⅜ |
| Advanced Micro | 17⅛ | 17⅛ |
| Aetna Life | 74⅛ | 74 |
| Ahmanson (HF) | 25⅝ | 26 |
| Air Prod & Chem | 60⅞ | 59⅝ |
| AirTouch Comm | 31⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Alberto-Culver B | 40 | 39⅞ |
| Albertson's | 39⅝ | 39⅝ |
| Alcan Alumnm | 32⅜ | 32⅝ |
| Alco Standard | 62⅞ | 63⅞ |
| Allied Signal | 56⅝ | 56⅞ |
| Alum Co of Am | 61⅞ | 61⅛ |
| Amax Gold Inc | 6⅛ | 6⅛ |
| Amerada Hess | 57½ | 57⅛ |
| Amer Brands | 44 | 43⅞ |
| Amer El Power | 40⅛ | 40⅜ |
| Amer Express | 47 | 46⅛ |
| Amer Genl Corp | 35⅞ | 35⅞ |
| Amer Home Pr | 53⅞ | 53⅞ |
| Amer Intl | 94⅛ | 94 |
| Amer Stores | 36⅛ | 35 |
| Amer Standard | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| Ameritech | 59⅝ | 59⅝ |
| Amoco | 72⅛ | 72⅛ |
| Anheuser-Busch | 71 | 71½ |
| Apple Computer | 26 | 26⅛ |
| Archer Daniels | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Armco | 5⅛ | 5⅛ |
| Armstrng Wrld | 58⅛ | 58⅛ |
| Asarco | 31⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Ashland Oil | 42⅛ | 43 |
| Atl Richfield | 118⅛ | 119⅛ |
| Auto Data Pro | 38 | 37⅞ |
| Avery Dennison | 57⅝ | 57⅞ |
| Avon Products | 92⅞ | 92⅞ |
| Baker Hughes | 31⅛ | 32⅛ |
| Baltim Gas & El | 27⅛ | 27⅞ |
| Banc One | 37⅞ | 36⅛ |
| BankAmerica | 75⅛ | 75⅞ |
| Bank of NY | 52⅞ | 52⅝ |
| Bankers Tr NY | 74⅛ | 75⅝ |
| Barnett Banks | 62⅞ | 61⅛ |
| Bausch & Lomb | 43⅝ | 43 |
| Baxter Intl | 44⅛ | 44⅛ |
| Becn Dicknsn | 84⅛ | 84⅛ |
| Bell Atlantic | 63⅞ | 63⅞ |
| Bell Industries | 22 | 21½ |
| BellSouth | 41⅛ | 41⅛ |
| Black & Decker | 42⅛ | 42⅞ |
| Block (H&R) | 34 | 34⅛ |
| Boeing | 85⅛ | 85⅞ |
| Boise Cascade | 42⅞ | 43⅞ |
| Bristol Myrs Sq | 86⅛ | 86⅛ |
| Browning Ferris | 30⅛ | 30⅞ |
| Brunswick | 21⅛ | 21⅛ |
| Burlington Nthn | 87 | 87 |
| CMS Energy Corp | 29⅝ | 29⅛ |
| CNA Financial | 99⅝ | 99⅝ |
| CPC Intl | 68⅛ | 68⅛ |
| CSX | 50⅞ | 50⅞ |
| Campbell Soup | 65⅛ | 65⅞ |
| Can Pacific | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| Carolina Pwr | 37 | 36⅛ |
| Caterpillar | 68 | 67⅛ |
| Central & SW | 27⅞ | 28 |
| Champion Intl | 44⅛ | 45⅝ |
| Chase Manhat | 71 | 70⅞ |
| Chevron Corp | 60⅞ | 60⅞ |
| Chrysler | 66⅛ | 66⅛ |
| Chubb Corp | 48 | 47⅛ |
| Cigna Corp | 114⅛ | 115⅞ |
| Citicorp | 84⅛ | 83⅞ |
| Clorox | 84⅛ | 84⅛ |
| Coastal Corp | 41⅛ | 41½ |
| Coca Cola | 46⅛ | 46 |
| Colgate-Palmolive | 79⅝ | 80 |
| Columbia Gas | 49⅞ | 48⅞ |
| ColumbiaHCA | 54 | 54⅛ |
| Compaq Comp | 48 | 48⅛ |
| Comp Ass Intl | 71⅛ | 72⅛ |
| Conagra | 41⅝ | 41⅛ |
| Conrail | 72⅝ | 72⅛ |
| Cons Edison | 27⅞ | 28 |
| Cons Nat Gas | 49⅞ | 49⅞ |
| Cooper Inds | 41½ | 41⅛ |
| Corestates | 39⅝ | 39⅛ |
| Corning Inc | 38⅞ | 38⅛ |
| Crown Cork | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Dana Corp | 33⅝ | 34⅛ |
| Dayton Hudson | 101⅛ | 100 |
| Deere | 40⅝ | 41⅛ |
| Delta Air Lines | 84⅛ | 84⅛ |
| Deluxe Corp | 37⅞ | 37⅞ |
| Digital Equip | 51 | 51⅛ |
| Dillard Dept St | 38⅞ | 38⅛ |
| Disney (Walt) | 61⅛ | 62⅛ |
| Dominion Res | 38⅞ | 39⅞ |
| Donelley (RR) | 36⅞ | 37 |
| Dover Corp | 47⅞ | 47⅛ |
| Dow Chemical | 85⅞ | 85⅝ |
| Dow Jones | 39⅝ | 38⅞ |
| Dresser | 29⅝ | 30 |
| Duke Power | 49⅝ | 49⅞ |
| Dun & Brdstreet | 64⅛ | 64⅛ |
| Du Pont | 81⅛ | 82⅞ |
| Eastman Chem | 67⅛ | 66⅝ |

| | May 29 midday | May 28 close |
|---|---|---|
| Eastman Kodak | 75⅛ | 74⅛ |
| Eaton Corp | 57⅞ | 57⅞ |
| Edison Intl | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Emerson Elec | 86⅛ | 85⅛ |
| Engelhard Corp | 24⅛ | 24⅝ |
| Enron Corp | 40⅝ | 41 |
| Entergy | 27 | 27⅛ |
| Ethyl Corp | 10⅝ | 10⅛ |
| Exxon | 86 | 86⅛ |
| FMC Corp | 68⅝ | 68⅞ |
| FPL Group | 43⅞ | 43⅞ |
| Federal Express | 78⅞ | 77⅛ |
| Fed Nat Mtge | 32 | 31⅛ |
| First Bk Sys | 61⅛ | 61⅛ |
| First Union Rlty | 7 | 7 |
| Fleet Finl Grp | 45 | 44⅛ |
| Fluor Corp | 65⅞ | 65⅞ |
| Ford Motor | 36⅛ | 36⅞ |
| GTE Corp | 44⅝ | 44⅞ |
| Gannett | 69⅝ | 68⅝ |
| Gap Inc Del | 32⅛ | 32⅛ |
| Gen Dynamics | 62⅞ | 62⅛ |
| Gen Electric | 82⅛ | 82⅛ |
| Gen Mills | 57⅛ | 57⅛ |
| Gen Motors | 55⅞ | 56 |
| Gen Reinsurance | 142⅛ | 141⅛ |
| Gen Signal | 38⅞ | 38⅝ |
| Genuine Parts | 45⅝ | 45⅛ |
| Georgia Pac | 73⅞ | 74⅛ |
| Gillette | 58⅛ | 58 |
| Glaxo Welc ADR | 26⅛ | 26⅛ |
| Goodrich (BF) | 39⅝ | 39⅝ |
| Goodyear Tire | 50⅞ | 51⅛ |
| Grace (W&R) | 74⅛ | 73⅛ |
| Grt Atl Pac Tea | 35⅞ | 35 |
| Great Wstn Fin | 23⅞ | 23⅛ |
| Halliburton | 56⅝ | 57⅞ |
| Harcourt General | 51⅛ | 51⅛ |
| Heinz (HJ) | 32⅛ | 32⅞ |
| Hercules | 56 | 56⅛ |
| Hershey Foods | 74⅛ | 74⅛ |
| Hewlett Packard | 105⅝ | 105⅞ |
| Hilton Hotels | 104⅛ | 104⅛ |
| Home Depot | 50⅞ | 51⅛ |
| Homestake Mng | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Honeywell | 52⅛ | 52⅛ |
| Household Intl | 69⅛ | 69⅝ |
| Houston Inds | 22⅞ | 22⅛ |
| Humana | 23⅞ | 23⅛ |
| ITT Corp | 60 | 60 |
| Illinois Tool | 65⅛ | 65⅞ |
| Illinova | 26⅛ | 26⅞ |
| INCO | 32⅝ | 32⅛ |
| Ingersoll Rand | 42⅞ | 42⅛ |
| Inland Steel | 21⅞ | 21⅞ |
| Intel Corp | 72½ | 72⅛ |
| IBM | 107⅝ | 108⅛ |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 49⅝ | 49⅛ |
| Intl Paper | 40⅝ | 40⅛ |
| James River Va | 25⅞ | 25⅝ |
| Jhnsn & Jhnsn | 96⅛ | 97⅛ |
| Kellogg | 72⅛ | 73⅛ |
| Kerr-McGee | 59⅝ | 59⅞ |
| Kimberly-Clark | 74⅛ | 74⅛ |
| Kmart | 11⅛ | 11⅛ |
| Knight-Ridder | 75⅛ | 76 |
| Lilly (Eli) | 63⅝ | 61⅛ |
| Limited Inc | 21 | 21⅛ |
| Lincoln Nat | 48⅛ | 48⅛ |
| Litton | 46⅝ | 46⅞ |
| Liz Claiborne | 37⅛ | 37⅛ |
| Lockheed Martin | 84 | 84⅛ |
| Louisiana Pac | 25⅝ | 25⅞ |
| MCI Comm | 29⅝ | 29⅞ |
| Marriott Int | 47 | 47⅛ |
| Marsh & McLnn | 96½ | 96⅛ |
| Masco Corp | 30⅞ | 31⅞ |
| May Dept St | 48⅞ | 48⅛ |
| Maytag Corp | 22⅛ | 22⅛ |
| McDonalds | 49⅝ | 49⅛ |
| McDonnell D | 101 | 100⅛ |
| McGraw Hill | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Mead Corp | 52½ | 52⅛ |
| Medtronic | 56⅞ | 56⅛ |
| Mellon Bk | 57 | 57⅛ |
| Melville Corp | 39⅛ | 39⅝ |
| Merck Inc | 64⅝ | 63⅞ |
| Merrill Lynch | 65⅝ | 65⅛ |
| Microsoft | 117½ | 117⅛ |
| Minnesota Mine | 69⅝ | 70⅛ |
| Mobil Corp | 112⅛ | 112⅛ |
| Monsanto | 152⅞ | 153⅛ |
| Morgan (JP) | 88⅛ | 87⅛ |
| Motorola Inc | 66 | 65⅛ |
| Natl Semi | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Natl Service Ind | 39 | 39⅝ |
| Navistar Int | 10⅝ | 10⅛ |
| NY Times A | 32⅛ | 32⅛ |
| Newmont Mng | 58⅝ | 58⅛ |
| Ning Mohawk | 7⅛ | 7⅛ |
| Nike B | 100⅞ | 98⅛ |
| NL Industries | 12 | 13⅛ |
| Noram Energy | 10⅛ | 10⅛ |
| Nordstrom | 50⅝ | 50⅛ |
| Norfolk Sthrn | 89 | 88⅛ |
| Nthn State Pwr | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Norwest Corp | 36 | 35⅛ |
| Nynex Corp | 46⅛ | 46⅛ |
| Occidental Pet | 26⅞ | 26⅛ |
| Ohio Edison | 22 | 21⅝ |

| | May 29 midday | May 28 close |
|---|---|---|
| Oracle | 33⅛ | 33⅞ |
| Oryx Energy Co | 16⅝ | 16⅝ |
| Overseas Ship | 19 | 19 |
| Owens Corning | 41 | 40⅞ |
| PHH Corp | 54⅝ | 55⅞ |
| PPG Industries | 52⅞ | 52⅝ |
| PNC Bank | 30⅛ | 30 |
| PP&L Res | 23⅞ | 23⅛ |
| Paccar Inc | 48⅛ | 48⅛ |
| Pacificorp | 20⅛ | 20⅞ |
| Pac Enterprises | 26⅞ | 26⅝ |
| Pac Gas & Elect | 23 | 22⅞ |
| Pac Telesis | 33⅞ | 33⅞ |
| Pall Corp | 26⅞ | 26⅝ |
| Parker Hannifin | 41 | 40⅞ |
| Peco Energy | 25⅞ | 25⅛ |
| Penney (JC) | 52 | 52⅞ |
| Pennzoil | 43⅞ | 44⅞ |
| Pepsico | 33⅝ | 66⅝ |
| Pfizer | 70⅛ | 69⅞ |
| Pharm & Upjhn | 42⅛ | 42 |
| Phelps Dodge | 69⅝ | 69⅝ |
| Philip Morris | 99⅞ | 100 |
| Phillips Pet | 42 | 42⅛ |
| Pitney Bowes | 50⅞ | 50⅞ |
| Polaroid | 44⅛ | 44 |
| PriceCostco | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| Procter & Gmbl | 88⅞ | 87⅞ |
| Providian | 44⅛ | 44⅛ |
| Pub Serv E & G | 27⅛ | 27 |
| Quaker Oats | 35 | 34⅝ |
| Ralston Purina | 61⅛ | 62⅞ |
| Raychem Corp | 77⅛ | 77⅛ |
| Raytheon | 53⅝ | 52⅝ |
| Reebok Intl | 29⅛ | 29⅛ |
| Reynolds Metals | 54⅝ | 54⅝ |
| Rockwell Intl | 56⅛ | 55⅞ |
| Rohm & Haas | 67⅝ | 67⅛ |
| Royal Dutch | 150⅞ | 150⅝ |
| Rubbermaid | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| SBC Comms | 49⅞ | 49⅝ |
| Safeco Corp | 33$\frac{13}{16}$ | 33⅝ |
| St Paul's Cos | 53⅞ | 53⅞ |
| Salomon Inc | 42⅛ | 42⅝ |
| Sara Lee Corp | 33 | 33 |
| Schering Plough | 59⅝ | 58⅝ |
| Schlumberger | 85⅛ | 86⅛ |
| Seagram | 34⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Sears Roebuck | 50⅞ | 50⅝ |
| Shell Trans | 85⅞ | 86 |
| Sherwin Wllms | 45⅛ | 45⅛ |
| Skyline Corp | 24⅞ | 24⅝ |
| Snap-On-Tools | 48⅛ | 48⅛ |
| Southern Co | 24 | 24 |
| Sprint Corp | 43⅝ | 42⅞ |
| Stanley Works | 60 | 60⅛ |
| Sun Company | 31 | 31⅛ |
| Sun Microsys | 61⅛ | 64 |
| Suntrust | 36⅝ | 36⅛ |
| Supervalu | 31⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Sysco Corp | 34⅛ | 34⅝ |
| TRW Inc | 95⅛ | 95⅛ |
| TCC Inds | 2⅛ | 2⅛ |
| Tandem Comp | 12⅛ | 12⅝ |
| Tandy Corp | 56⅝ | 57 |
| Teledyne | 38⅛ | 38⅝ |
| Temple Inland | 49⅞ | 50⅛ |
| Tenneco | 54 | 54⅛ |
| Texaco | 84 | 84⅝ |
| Texas Inst | 55½ | 54⅞ |
| Texas Utilities | 41⅛ | 42 |
| Textron | 85 | 85 |
| Time Warner | 40⅝ | 41⅛ |
| Times-Mirror A | 44⅛ | 44⅛ |
| Timken | 39⅝ | 39⅝ |
| Torchmark | 42⅞ | 42⅝ |
| Toys R Us | 29 | 29 |
| Transamerica | 81 | 81 |
| Travelers | 40⅝ | 40 |
| Tribune | 74⅝ | 73⅝ |
| Tyco Labs | 39⅝ | 40⅝ |
| UST Inc | 33⅛ | 33½ |
| UAL | 57⅛ | 57⅞ |
| US Inds | 22⅛ | 22⅛ |
| USX Marathon | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Unicom | 27⅝ | 27⅛ |
| Unilever NV | 135⅝ | 136⅝ |
| Union Camp | 54⅝ | 54⅝ |
| Union Carbide | 42⅞ | 43 |
| Union Pacific | 71⅛ | 71⅛ |
| Unisys Corp | 7⅛ | 7⅛ |
| USAIR Group | 19½ | 19⅝ |
| USF&G Corp | 15⅝ | 15⅛ |
| US Life | 30⅝ | 30⅛ |
| United Tech | 109⅝ | 109 |
| Unocal Corp | 32⅞ | 32⅛ |
| VF Corp | 59⅝ | 59⅝ |
| WMX Tech | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 25⅞ | 25⅝ |
| Warner-Lambert | 55⅝ | 55⅝ |
| Wells Fargo | 239⅞ | 241⅛ |
| Westinghouse El | 18⅝ | 18⅛ |
| Weyerhaeuser | 46⅞ | 45⅞ |
| Whirlpool | 57 | 57 |
| Whitman | 25 | 24⅞ |
| Winn Dixie | 35⅞ | 36 |
| Woolworth | 21 | 21⅞ |
| Wrigley (Wm) Jr | 55⅝ | 55⅝ |
| Xerox | 159⅝ | 159⅛ |
| Yellow Corp | 12⅝ | 13⅛ |

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## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Well-travelled messenger

DAVID BURNSIDE'S muddy shoes have been filled at last, by 41-year-old Kevin Murray. As the new voice of British Airways, the current director of corporate affairs for AEA Technology has certainly travelled. Born in Zimbabwe and brought up in Zambia, Murray climbed his way to become air correspondent for *The Star*, Johannesburg, before moving into PR.

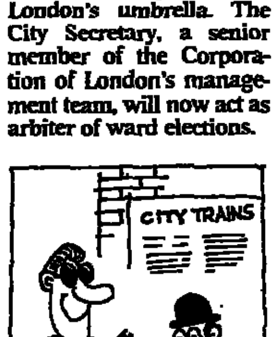
The news came as a surprise to BA staff, not least Peter Jones, acting director of public affairs for more than six months, who was on holiday yesterday. Mr Jones will, however, stay on board, reporting to Mr Murray.

### No impediment

THE star turn at yesterday's Prudential AGM was Bernard Harris, the shareholder who stood up to ask: "*In the light of* recent legislation in Hawaii to allow marriages between people of the same sex ... has the board of the Prudential put in any consideration to amending its policies to cover marriages between husband and husband, or wife and wife?" Sir Martin Jacomb, Pru chairman, fixed him with a stare. "To *be honest, on the question* of whether we have given any consideration to this issue, the answer is no. But let me assure you, I will consider it."

### Power moves

A *SHAKE-UP* of the electoral system within London wards will place the City Secretary in a new seat of power from the end of this year. In the past, 25 ward clerks would have been responsible for the conduct of ward elections. But due to "varying levels of experience" — a number of ward clerks have conducted fewer than two elections in the past ten years — the annual elections have been brought under the Corporation of London's umbrella. The City Secretary, a senior member of the Corporation of London's management team, will now act as arbiter of ward elections.



"It's no longer known as the misery line"

### Dry dale woe

YORKSHIRE'S tourism industry is the latest victim of Yorkshire Water's mishandling of the county's water crisis. Ryedale Tourist Association warned local MP John Greenway yesterday that tourists are arriving in the county expecting to find a desert. According to Keith Hartwell, owner of the Balmoral Hotel, Harrogate: "Many tourists have been cancelling bookings because they fear there will be no water. Others who do arrive think water will be rationed, and that they'll have to wash in buckets."

*RED-FACED Paul Seymour, chairman of the Continuing Care Conference, was juggling bottles of red and white wine yesterday, while chewing on a Havana. Recalling memories of his mis-spent youth, Seymour boasted that he once bet the barman at Cranfield College he could knock back 21 pints. After 17, Seymour had to call a halt, when three nurses lured him on to the dance floor.*

MORAG PRESTON

# The truth is buried in the small print

## Praise for Britain's economic policies ought not to be taken at face value

Isn't it one of life's glorious little ironies that, just as John Major is trying his best to make Britain look silly and incompetent by warring with Europe over beef, he is told by two well-respected groups of economists that Britain's *policies are superior to those of our* continental European competitors.

In Paris last week, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development extolled Britain — along with New Zealand — for making the *most progress on reducing* structural rigidities in the labour *market and therefore producing* "encouraging signs of a fall in structural *unemployment*". The OECD's latest report on Britain is out later today and is expected to downgrade Britain's growth prospects this year because of the Maastricht-inspired slowdown in continental European *economies. However, on the positive* side there will be further praise of Britain's labour market reforms.

Britain's devotion to free market economic policies receives even greater endorsement today by the World Economic Forum, the Davos economic think-tank. Britain this year nudges up to fifteenth place in the Forum's World Competitiveness League from eighteenth last year. It is, surprisingly, placed well above both Germany and France.

*Should* all this *unaccustomed* praise for Britain's handling of her economy be taken at face value? Of course *not*. There are, no doubt, healthy debates within each organisation, but both are prisoners of well-established economic orthodoxies.

The OECD is actually doing some *intelligent and balanced work on* how to tackle unemployment. But its analysis — at least that for public consumption — still comes down heavily in favour of Anglo-Saxon-style flexibility. The Government is sure to focus on praise of labour market reforms. But little will *appear of the private discussions* between OECD and British officials in which concerns were expressed about widening income disparities and poverty — the rather inconvenient flip side of flexibility. (The OECD always defers somewhat to the political sensitivities of its subject countries, *not least because of* their contributions to its lavish operation in Paris.)

*Actually*, the *OECD* is suffering from *ideological* entrapment on a far grander scale. It still insists on worrying about inflation and balancing budgets to the exclusion of all else. This accounted for an astonishing blank spot at last week's annual meeting. Officials talked incessantly about how to create jobs, but insisted that European governments go on cutting deficits to the Maastricht timetable. Nobody wanted to admit the blindingly obvious link between a massive co-ordinated *deflation* and rising joblessness.

The OECD probably tries to please too many masters. But the World Economic Forum seems to have discovered a particularly virulent form of religion. It has completely changed its methodology of calculating competitiveness (*which* means Britain's fifteenth and eighteenth places are not strictly comparable). This year's method is weighted far more heavily in favour of countries with free market policies.

The biggest weights are given to openness to international trade and *finance, the depth of financial markets*, the flexibility of the domestic labour market and quality of government. This last category is biased towards those who intervene less, tax less and spend less.

One could hardly choose three measures of competitiveness which *would suit the current British* Government better. *Pace* those who think we still have to put up with a meddlesome government and pay too much tax, the Forum's view of the world has moved so close to this Government's that it must count as something of a disappointment that *Britain has only moved up* three steps from last year's calculation.

Mr Major's party will no doubt be jumping up and down with glee today, but nobody can describe this report as objective. In the state interference sub-category, Britain is sixth-best in the world for "not *hindering the development of business*". It is hard to know how on earth that can be calculated and perhaps one shouldn't really attempt such an exercise.

Should we really take seriously an analysis which places France and Germany below Chile, Finland, Hong Kong *and — yes — Britain in* a competitiveness league. The Forum says of Europe's largest economy: "Germany, the economic powerhouse of the European Union, does no better than twenty-second, consistent with the ill mood in Germany today, as the so-called social *partners debate the downsizing of* the German welfare state." The contempt in the phrase "so-called social partners" leaves no doubt about the ideological bias here.

The sight of the OECD and the World Economic Forum clinging ever more earnestly to the free *market, Anglo-Saxon model is an* unexpected bonus for John Major, but bewildering in a wider context. The Forum argues that its free *market bias is based on* the results of the academic findings of the past few years. This is a highly selective view of the available literature. Attitudes are changing.

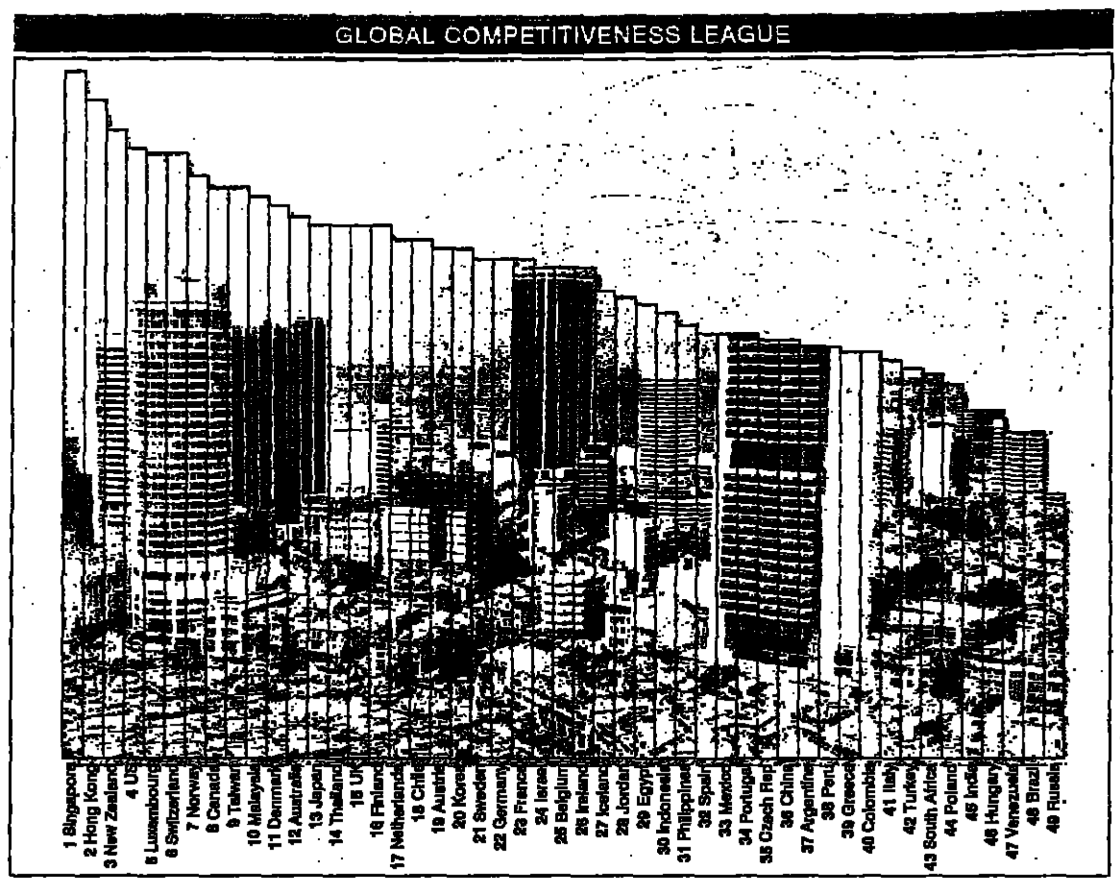
*Stephen Roach*, the chief economist of Morgan Stanley and the man who advocated corporate downsizing as the key to increasing American competitiveness has recanted. Cost cutting alone is damaging. Now he wants American companies to invest in the skills of their workforces. *Lifetime learning* is becoming a popular concept. America is thinking about raising its minimum wage. Joseph Stiglitz, chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, talks about "security of employability".

A middle course is being plotted between opposing ideologies. The OECD, for all its silliness on EMU, is part of that process. So too is the trade union advisory committee to the OECD which advocates an adaptable, rather than flexible, labour market. But is Britain changing with the debate?

*When* ministers applaud the Forum's findings today, they should be aware of the small print. In the labour category, Britain comes thirty-fourth out of 48 for its ability to *supply* skilled labour; thirty-fifth for an education system which meets the needs of a competitive economy; fortieth for in-company training. But we are fourth best at hiring and firing, fifth best at restructuring our workforces (this usually means making people redundant) and *eleventh* best for avoiding the social costs of employment (informal, under-the-table work contracts to avoid National Insurance, sick pay, holiday pay, etc).

In the straightforward category of gross domestic investment as a percentage of gross domestic product, *Britain comes forty-eighth out of 49*. Well, that nails the argument. We really must be superior to Germany and France.

GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS LEAGUE



THE OTHER LOTTERY MILLIONAIRES

# Corner shops share jackpot with giants

## **Jon Ashworth** checks out the commission being earned by retailers, large and small

Tesco, *Sainsbury*, and other big supermarket groups are earning millions of pounds in commission on National Lottery sales.

They join *newsagents*, garages and independent corner shops in an enterprise that has boosted cash *flow and* seen overall trade increase by as much as 25 per cent. The only sour note is struck by the hundreds of retailers who claim they are being barred from the Camelot network.

More than £350 million *has been paid out in commission* so far. National Lottery outlets earn 5 per cent on ticket sales along with 1 per cent on prizes paid out in cash. Multiples *sell an average of £14,750 in lottery* tickets each week. Commission over the entire year works out at about £39,000 per outlet.

More than half of all lottery tickets are sold on Saturday, typically in big supermarkets, where punters buy a ticket along with the weekly *shop*. The most successful online outlets include Tesco in Waltham Cross and *Morrisons* in Bishop Auckland.

The store groups concede that the lottery has provided extra income, but say that *having* Camelot terminals makes little difference to overall sales. J Sainsbury said: "Sales are very *good, but* people are coming in anyway." There is also the additional expense of hiring staff to operate the Camelot kiosks.

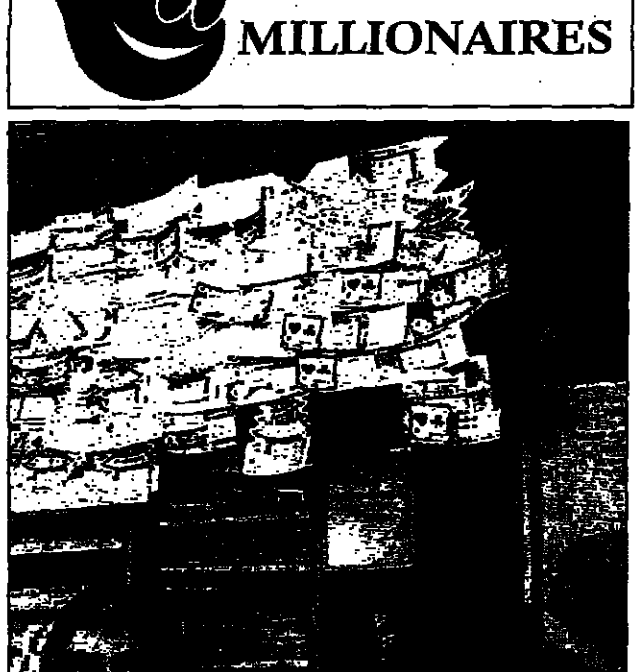
*Sainsbury will not disclose* how much it is making from the lottery. However, its 230 online terminals could be generating £9 *million* a year *or* more in commission. Camelot says independent chains sell an average of £4,500 in tickets a week, generating about £11,900 a year in commission. A typical corner shop reports weekly sales of £3,350, and earns an average of £8,884 a year in commission.

T&S Stores, whose 814 outlets include Dillons newsagents, is generating more than £2 million a week in lottery sales. Jim McCarthy, chief executive, said: "The lottery has become a very important part of our retail offer."

Successful independents include Surendra Patel and his wife, *Arvindaben, who run a newsagents* in Hemel Hempstead. Mr Patel earns an average of £450 a week in commission *from lottery sales and has* seen a 15 per cent increase in general sales.

Mr Patel says the lottery helped to compensate for the arrival of a Tesco store. He said: "Our turnover had fallen by 20-25 per cent. Now it is *only a little bit down*. The lottery has given us life."

The real benefits to retailers lie in the volume of ticket sales, according to Mintel, the market analyst. A grocery and newsagents chain with 200 terminals could be expected to *boost its operating income by* up to £2 million in commission, and a supermarket multiple with a similar number of terminals by half as much again. Mintel says: "These sums are considerable and, despite cost implications, represent an important source of income."



Surendra Patel and his wife, Arvindaben, saw a rise in sales

# All smiles at the Treasury

The amounts in sales and prizes are greater *than anyone predicted*, but is the economy better off? Observers say the lottery's impact on spending in the economy has been negligible in spite of the vast sums being diverted into tickets.

Lottery sales average *about £90 million* a week, or more than 3 per cent of the weekly *value of total retail sales*, according to Andrew Cates, UK economist at UBS. Government statisticians assume that half the *money spent on the lottery is* returned as prizes, and as such is simply a *transfer from one* person to another. The other half scores as spending on betting and gaming; an addition to total consumer spending but *not* to retail sales.

One effect of the lottery has been to shift *expenditure* away from goods included in retail sales towards "services" included in consumers' expenditure. That is, spending on the lottery has displaced spending that would otherwise have been spent on retail goods. Last year, retail sales grew by just 1¼ per cent, which compares with growth in services spending of nearly 3½ per cent. Mr Cates says that *higher interest rates* and exchange-rate depreciation also had a bearing.

The lottery's effect on total spending in the economy has probably been pretty negligible, although it is hard to *determine the precise impact. About half of the* total prize money is returned in amounts typically of less than £100 per winner, and it is likely that much of this is immediately re-spent. But almost half the *prize money is paid out* in amounts of greater than £100,000, and most of this is probably saved.

Assuming that half the money spent on the lottery displaced spending on substitutes, and that a third of all prize money has so far been re-spent, total consumer spending was perhaps boosted 0.1 per cent as a direct result of the lottery's introduction last year. To the extent that most of this expenditure was simply a transfer between the personal sector and the public sector, there has been very little impact on overall economic activity.

In spite of *this* neutral impact, the lottery's introduction has undoubtedly given rise to winners and losers. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the losers have been other forms of gambling, leisure spending and possibly donations to charity.

One important winner has been the Treasury. *This is because delays in* contributing money to the good causes have boosted general government receipts, flattering the PSBR by more than £1 billion in 1995.

# Bands hit winning note

Boosey & Hawkes is an obvious destination for the thousands of *pounds in lottery money* devoted to brass bands, but has it made that much difference? Richard Holland, chief executive, recently admitted that the lottery had played a part in driving up profits at the instrument division, which reported *sales* of £64.4 million last year, a 6 per cent increase. However, the company has backpedalled since then, claiming it has made little *difference to overall sales*.

David Humphries, managing director of the instrument division, played down the lottery's impact. He said: "Yes it's great, and orders from anywhere help, but one can't get it out of proportion. Ninety *per cent of our brass* instruments are exported."

Competitors, however, are less charitable about Boosey & Hawkes' dominance of the *market. One said*: "The message from our men on the road is it would be easier for the lottery to give the money straight to Boosey & Hawkes."

Not all the money ends up being spent on instruments — *van and* coachbuilders have their share — but the amounts nevertheless run into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

In last week's funding *round* by the Arts Council of England, £440,000 out of a total of £28.2 million, 1.55 per cent, was set aside for musical instruments. That compares with previous "brass band" tranches of £454,632, £371,708 and £280,380. More than 80 *brass and silver bands in* England have benefited, although bodies such as the Music Industries Association say that not enough lottery *money is being used to buy* instruments for schools.

Musical instruments are not the only focus. Mercedes Benz has reported a run of interest from touring theatre companies in its eight-seater Megavan, which costs about £55,000 including VAT, *in its* converted form, and comes equipped with wheelchair lift and automatic gearbox.

One London troupe, Quicksilver Theatre for Children, persuaded Mercedes to contribute 10 per cent of the cost of a van, with the balance coming from the lottery. Mercedes has sold ten Megavans so far, with quotes requested on several more. *Demand is expected to grow* as more funds are released.

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# Dawson hit by higher raw material costs

By Sarah Bagnall

DAWSON International yesterday blamed higher raw material costs, lacklustre consumer demand, and adverse trading conditions in America for a 60 per cent drop in underlying pre-tax profits to £9.4 million in the year to March 30.

Profits before tax and exceptional items fell from £24.1 million in the 53 weeks in the previous year. Derek Finlay, chairman, said: "The industry faces some of the most difficult trading conditions in living memory."

The decline in profits was on the back of a 24.4 per cent fall in total sales to £313.1 million and a 7.4 per cent fall in sales from continuing operations to £304.1 million.

Including net exceptional costs of £5.5 million, against a profit of £400,000 last time, pre-tax profits rose from £1.7 million to £3.9 million. Mr Finlay said the group's ongoing restructuring, which has resulted in the disposal of non-core businesses and the culling of nearly 1,000 jobs, was on course and beginning to produce benefits. He added that the order books were generally stronger than at this time last year.

Operating profits from continuing operations crashed £20.7 million to £15 million because of declining fortunes in virtually all the group's divisions. The three UK apparel operations saw pre-exceptional operating losses deteriorate from £3.6 million to £6.9 million as weak consumer demand together with increased cashmere garment prices took their toll. Sales fell 15 per cent to £89.4 million. The bulk of the division's loss was down to the Pringle knitwear business, which suffered from falling margins.

Excluding exceptional charges, the group's fibres and yarns division saw profits fall £7.9 million to £10.9 million on sales 10 per cent lower at £93.9 million. Similarly, the fabrics business saw profits fall by nearly two-thirds to £2.5 million.

The US apparel business also suffered as profits fell from £13.2 million to £8.7 million on sales down slightly at £100.5 million.

The final dividend was held at 1.5p, making an unchanged total for the year of 3p. The final dividend, due on August 13, is payable out of continuing earnings per share of 4.1p.

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# Politicking puts £1bn LG project in jeopardy

By George Sivell

POLITICAL infighting appears to be jeopardising a £1 billion investment in Britain by LG, one the big four conglomerates that dominate the South Korean economy. The investment would create 4,000 jobs in a depressed area of Britain.

Sources close to the project believe that the Korean company is growing tired of what it sees as infighting between politicians representing Wales and Scotland, who are both vying for the project.

"There is some political posturing going on which is getting in the way of the question of LG's inward investment in the UK," one source said. He added that there were "unhelpful" signs of tension between William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, and Michael Forsyth, his Scottish counterpart, both of whom would gain political kudos by securing the investment for their respective regions.

According to an authoritative report by the BBC's *Nine O'Clock News* several weeks ago, LG, formerly known as Lucky Goldstar, was on the point of going ahead with the project at a site in Wales on the banks of the River Severn. Previously it had been apparent that LG wanted to build a semiconductor plant in Britain but was still deciding from a variety of sites, one of which included Scotland. LG already operates a thriving televisions and microwave oven plant on South Tyneside.

But since the BBC report, sources close to the project say that LG has not been in touch with either the Welsh Development Agency or Scottish Enterprise, although a decision on the project had been exepcted by mid-April.

Mr Forsyth is in Korea at the moment on what has been widely seen as a mission to convince LG to choose Scotland as the site for the plant. But officials at Scottish Enterprise said the trip had been planned some time in advance and would not comment on which companies Mr Forsyth planned to visit.

Large inward-investment decisions such as LG's are often subject to last-minute delays as investors weigh up the attractions, including government assistance, offered by potential sites.

There has been speculation that the two are now holding off from decisions to invest in Britain in case the beef crisis leads to a deeper split between Britain and the European Union. But this did not prevent Daewoo, in late March, from expanding production at its video recorder factory in Antrim, Northern Ireland, creating a further 330 jobs.

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*John Finbow, managing director, left, and Brian Hobbs, technical director, the co-founders of City Technology*

# City Technology set for float

By Philip Pangalos

CITY Technology Holdings, a designer and maker of electrochemical and catalytic bead gas sensors, is expected to be capitalised at up to £80 million when it floats on the stock market next month.

City Technology is seeking a full listing through a placing by Cazenove & Co, sponsor, underwriter and broker to the issue. The offer size is expected to be about £45 million, with about £20 million of new money likely.

The company, which was formed by City University in 1977 to make an oxygen sensor developed at the university, has undergone significant expansion and was the subject of a £24.5 million management buyout in 1993. The buyout was backed by a group of venture capital investors led by 3i. At present, the company is concentrating on safety-monitoring sensors that detect unsafe gases and emissions monitoring.

John Finbow, managing director and co-founder, said the proceeds from the flotation would be used to redeem £8.2 million of preference shares and pay down debt, substantially reducing gearing from its present level of about 85 per cent. He added that the group intended to continue expanding its products and geographical territories, with Asia, the Far East and South Africa seen as key target markets.

The company made an operating profit of £5.8 million in 1995, on turnover of £14.4 million, with exports accounting for 75 per cent of sales. About 25 per cent of sales are derived in the United Kingdom, while about 45 per cent are in the US.

Directors will see a combined stake of 42 per cent diluted to about 31 per cent post-float. Mr Finbow, who has a 14 per cent shareholding, will become a paper millionaire. His stake will dilute to about 10.5 per cent.

There will be an employee priority offer of up to 10 per cent of the placing. Impact day and pricing is expected on June 13, with dealings scheduled to begin on June 20.

# Leeson echoes heard in $350m fraud trial of US bond trader

From Richard Thomson in New York

WALL STREET'S dirty linen is on public show again in the trial of Joseph Jett, the government bond trader sacked from Kidder Peabody two years ago on charges of having invented phoney trades that lost the firm millions of dollars.

After a week of hearings at Manhattan Federal district court, the Securities and Exchange Commission has failed to prove that Mr Jett, the head of Kidder's government bond-dealing desk, was a rogue trader acting alone and without the knowledge of his superiors. Unless SEC lawyers can strengthen their case this week, the industry watchdog could be heading for a historic defeat.

Meanwhile, Mr Jett has condemned the proceedings as a "kangaroo court" since he was denied the jury trial he had requested. His lawyer argues that Mr Jett is being treated as a scapegoat.

The Jett case bears many similarities to Nick Leeson and Barings since the SEC claims Mr Jett manipulated Kidder's computer accounting system to post false trades that created $350 million in phoney profits to make up for $100 million in real losses.

On the strength of those profits he became the firm's star trader and was paid a $5 million bonus in 1993. But when the fake trades were discovered the next year, Kidder came close to collapse before General Electric, its owner, sold it and sacked much of the senior management.

While Leeson admitted his faults, Mr Jett insists he hid nothing from his superiors, who approved his dealing strategy. As with Barings, there is the question of whether Kidder's senior managers knew what he was doing, or whether they were negligent for failing to spot the fake trades for nearly two years.

The evidence threatens to become bewilderingly complex since the trades consisted of "strips", where government bonds were broken down into their interest and principal elements which were then sold off separately, and "recons", where such bonds were reconstituted to their original state. But Mr Jett has presented evidence that his trading records had been openly available to his superiors and the SEC has not yet shown how he might have concealed what he was doing.

If Mr Jett loses, the penalties will be severe. The SEC wants to ban him from the securities industry for life and confiscate $8 million of his money frozen in Kidder bank accounts.

## Kalamazoo jumps on $33m buy

SHARES in Kalamazoo Computer Group jumped 28p to 143p after the company confirmed it is expanding its operations with the acquisition of the European-based Automotive Dealer Systems division (Eads) of Datapoint Corporation of the US for up to $33 million (Philip Pangalos writes).

The acquisition will be part funded by a £7.5 million placing and open offer on a 22-for-100 basis at 103p a share, with the balance coming from the group's cash resources and bank facilities.

Eads is the largest supplier of dealer management systems to Ford in continental Europe and will provide the enlarged group with the potential to deliver pan-European systems solutions to large motor manufacturers.

Eads made an operating profit of £2.76 million in the year to July 31, 1995, on turnover of £23.3 million. Kalamazoo also forecasts a drop in full year pre-tax profits to, at least £5.86 million (£6.82 million) for the year to March 31, 1996. The directors also plan a 3.05p final dividend, making 4.15p (3.75p).

# Tandem reassures after £2m loss

By Martin Barrow

Garland: huge potential

TANDEM, one of Britain's few surviving bicycle manufacturers, yesterday sought to reassure investors on its long-term prospects after disclosing losses of £2.19 million for the year to January 28.

The company, announcing its first results since the merger with Casket in November 1995 and the change of name from EFG, said borrowings had been substantially reduced since the year-end. Production facilities were now in better shape to make gains in Europe.

Robin Garland, chief executive, said: "Although the first results since the merger are initially disappointing, the cycle business has huge potential." He said said measures taken to improve performance had been more extensive than was anticipated at the time of the merger. Production had been consolidated from four sites into two.

Last year Tandem, whose brands include Townsend, Falcon and British Eagle, sold more than 600,000 cycles, representing almost 30 per cent of the UK market. Its losses included a goodwill write-off of £1.53 million and compared with profits of £917,000 in the previous 12 months. Losses were 4.15p a share, against earnings of 1.91p. There is no dividend for the year (0.5p). The shares were unchanged at 14p.

The operating loss of £1.28 million included a £1.54 million loss incurred by the Casket companies in the quiet trading months of December and January.

By the year-end borrowings were reduced by £8.5 million to £19.7 million and debts have been further reduced through the sale of Richmoor Horticulture and the restructuring of Casket's clothing business.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

LOE & CO LIMITED
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A meeting of unsecured creditors has been convened by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above mentioned company pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of presenting to that meeting a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48(1) of the said Act and for the purpose, should the creditors think fit, of establishing a committee of creditors under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act.

The meeting will be held as follows: Date: 10 June 1996. Time: 1000 hrs. Place: 1 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2EN.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

A creditor will only be entitled to vote at the creditors' meeting if:
a) he has given to the receivers, not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules, and
b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated: 23 May 1996
Peter Anthony Lawrence and Colin George Wiseman, Joint Administrative Receivers. 1 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2EN.

ELLIS INTERIORS LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held as follows: Venue: Herbert Smith, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS. Date: 12 June 1996. Time: 10.30am.

(1) To consider and if thought fit, to approve my Statement of Proposals as Joint Administrators, under S.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986
(2) To consider whether or not to establish a creditors committee
(3) Any other business

The Joint Administrators propose to initiate Compulsory Winding Up proceedings against Ellis Interiors Limited, pursuant to Section 140 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting, you must send written details of your claim to Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, to arrive no later than 4.00pm on 11 June 1996.

Dated 23 May 1996
Simon Freakly, Joint Administrator

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HIGGINS AGRICOLE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Ernst & Young, Norham House, 12 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AD on the 6th day of June 1996 at 11.00am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged, at Ernst & Young, Norham House, 12 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AD not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.

A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at the offices of Ernst & Young, Norham House, 12 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AD between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.

Dated this 24th day of May 1996
D.M. Higgins, Director

ELLIS BUILDING SERVICES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held as follows: Venue: Herbert Smith, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS. Date: 12 June 1996. Time: 10.30am.

(1) To consider and if thought fit, to approve my Statement of Proposals as Joint Administrators, under S.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986
(2) To consider whether or not to establish a creditors committee
(3) Any other business

The Joint Administrators propose to initiate Compulsory Winding Up proceedings against Ellis Buildings Services Limited, pursuant to Section 140 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting, you must send written details of your claim to Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, to arrive no later than 4.00pm on 11 June 1996.

Dated 23 May 1996
Simon Freakly, Joint Administrator

Scott Refrigerated Transport Limited
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I, Ian Peter Phillips of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that on 24 May 1996 I was appointed Liquidator of Scott Refrigerated Transport Limited by resolutions of members and creditors. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 1 July 1996 to send in their full names and addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Ian Peter Phillips of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing form the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated 24 May 1996
Ian Peter Phillips, Liquidator

ELLIS CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held as follows: Venue: Herbert Smith, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS. Date: 12 June 1996. Time: 10.30am.

(1) To consider and if thought fit, to approve my Statement of Proposals as Joint Administrators, under S.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986
(2) To consider whether or not to establish a creditors committee
(3) Any other business

The Joint Administrators propose to initiate Compulsory Winding Up proceedings against Ellis Civil Engineering Limited, pursuant to Section 140 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting, you must send written details of your claim to Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, to arrive no later than 4.00pm on 11 June 1996.

Dated 23 May 1996
Simon Freakly, Joint Administrator

ELLIS HOLDINGS LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held as follows: Venue: Herbert Smith, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS. Date: 13 June 1996. Time: 10.30am.

(1) To consider and if thought fit, to approve my Statement of Proposals as Joint Administrators, under S.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986
(2) To consider whether or not to establish a creditors committee
(3) Any other business

The Joint Administrators propose to implement a Company Voluntary Arrangement ("CVA") for Ellis Holdings Limited.

In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting, you must send written details of your claim to Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, to arrive no later than 4.00pm on 11 June 1996.

Dated 23 May 1996
Simon Freakly, Joint Administrator

SID TURNER LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Meetings of Members and of the Creditors will be held at 15 Cavendish Square, London, W1M 9DA on 31st May 1996 at 11.00 and 11.30 in the forenoon for the purpose mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Christopher Guy Adams of C.G. Adams Associates, 15 Cavendish Square W1M 9DA is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

By Order of the Board
A.S. TURNER

OSPREY COLLECTIONS LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Osprey Collections Limited with effect from 17 May 1996 by an order of the Secretary of State dated 14 May 1996.

DATED this 22nd day of May 1996
M W YOUNG, LIQUIDATOR

ELLIS CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held as follows: Venue: Herbert Smith, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS. Date: 12 June 1996. Time: 10.30am.

(1) To consider and if thought fit, to approve my Statement of Proposals as Joint Administrators, under S.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986
(2) To consider whether or not to establish a creditors committee
(3) Any other business

The Joint Administrators propose to implement a Company Voluntary Arrangement ("CVA") for Ellis Construction Limited.

In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting, you must send written details of your claim to Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, to arrive no later than 4.00pm on 11 June 1996.

Dated 23 May 1996
Simon Freakly, Joint Administrator

TO: Ertac Enver
Late of 39 Bird-in-Hand Lane, Bromley, Kent BR6 2AN

Take notice that the Judgment Creditor obtained Judgement against you in the sum of £44,159.47 and costs of £925.55 on 26th May 1995. The Judgment Creditor has obtained a Garnishee Order Nisi dated 7th May 1996 requiring the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis to pay to the Judgment Creditor the said sums plus statutory interest being part of a debt due by the Commissioner of Police to you in order to satisfy the Judgment obtained against you by the Judgment Creditor.

The hearing of the matter will take place before Master Bowman in Chancery Chambers, Room 6.09, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on 11th June 1996 at 2.30 pm when you are required to attend before the Court.

AND that it has been ordered that service of the Order to show cause in the said Action on you be effected by this advertisement.

M J (SYSTEMS) LIMITED

Nature of Business: Double Glazing & Conservatories. Administrative Order Made: 22nd May 1996. Joint Administrators: David E.M. Mond FCA, FCCA & David Bottomley FCA, FCCA, both of Hodgsons, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF.

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# Bill eases French Telecom share sale

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

THE French Government yesterday approved a Bill changing the state-owned France Telecom into a corporation, paving the way for the sale of up to 49 per cent of its stock but leaving control with the state.

François Fillon, Telecommunications Minister, said the sale of shares in the company would probably take place in the first half of 1997. The timing would depend on market conditions and the timing of the sales of Deutsche Telekom, which is scheduled for the end of this year, and Italy's Stet later in 1997. Analysts estimate France Telecom will be valued at about Fr200 billion.

The draft Bill calls for the state to retain 51 per cent in the group and earmarks 10 per cent of the capital for staff. From next January 1, France Telecom would be a limited company and no longer a branch of the civil service. However, the Government has guaranteed it will continue to pay the pensions of staff and has promised current staff they will not lose civil servant status.

France Telecom will have to pay the state a one-off sum to compensate for the Government's pension guarantee — estimated at between Fr40 billion and Fr50 billion. M Fillon said the state would assume a pension liability of some Fr250 billion while France Telecom would only pay about Fr100 billion in pension charges.

M Fillon said he expected that Deutsche Telekom and America's Sprint Corp would take stakes in France Telecom. Parliament has already passed a law opening up France's telecommunications sector to full competition from January 1998.

M Fillon said that over the next ten years France Telecom employees aged 55 and older could take early retirement on 70 per cent of their wages. He expects 35,000 staff to do so, while 20,000 to 25,000 would retire normally.

David Quarmby who has been appointed to beat the drum for British tourism, a role he performed for Sainsbury's and London Transport

# Business fights to retain old Hong Kong airport

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

BUSINESSMEN in Hong Kong are calling for the retention of Kai Tak airport, due to be closed in early 1998 when the new international airport at Chek Lap Kok opens.

Sir Piers Jacobs, the colony's Financial Secretary until 1990, said yesterday: "We can have this inner-city airport virtually for nothing. Communications are terrible into most of south China, awful roads, but there are lots of small airports."

He added: "Hong Kong is about service, about communications — let's not throw this local airport away."

The feasibility of keeping the old airport surfaced just before the signing today of a British-Chinese agreement to construct a second runway at Chek Lap Kok. Airport officials said that with the new runway there would be no need to keep an inner-city airport.

But Sir Piers said "It would be near everything, a short drive from the main hotels. We need a first-class international airport, but why spend hours getting in and out of one if you're just doing short business trip?"

R. A. Siegel, director of civil aviation, said: "If you're flying down from China on a commuter plane and land at the city airport and want to get to the international one, you'd have an awfully long connection. And what about transferring cargo from one airport to another? It could be really awkward."

Other objections from airport officials yesterday centred on environmental questions — especially aircraft noise, which is a huge social issue in the colony — and air traffic congestion.

Martin Craigs, president of Saab Aircraft International, rejected both factors. "The kinds of commuter planes I have in mind, 50-seaters, wouldn't even be heard over the car traffic noise. They would land two thirds of the way down the strip at a steep angle, and would hardly fly over any houses. It wouldn't be like now with these huge long-distance jumbo jets. And as a commuter facility it would only use 30 per cent of the present airport anyway."

It is unlikely that Kai Tak will be preserved. A government commission is preparing plans for the sale of the profitable land for housing, although Sir Piers and Mr Craigs both insist that present property values would soar if Kai Tak became a commuter airport.

# Belhaven to raise £18m in float

BELHAVEN, one of Scotland's oldest breweries, is aiming to raise £18 million in a flotation next month on the London Stock Exchange that will value the company at £30 million (Alasdair Murray writes).

Belhaven said it would use the proceeds to help repay debt and for investment in its pub retail division. Belhaven is Scotland's largest remaining independent brewery with a capacity to produce 100,000 barrels a year.

The company, based in Dunbar, Lothian, also owns a pub estate with 64 outlets in Central Scotland. It is keen to build up its six-strong "Scottish" themed chain. Last year the company made an operating profit of £4.2 million on a turnover of £29.6 million.

Brewing operations in Dunbar began in 1719. In 1993, Belhaven was purchased from the collapsed Control Securities in a £24 million management buyout backed by CVC Capital Partners.

# Bottomley names new Tourist head

DAVID QUARMBY, a former joint managing director of J Sainsbury, was yesterday appointed chairman of the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board (Harvey Elliott writes).

Mr Quarmby, 54, takes over on June 1 from Adele Biss, whose contract was terminated by Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, last month. He spent 14 years with London Transport where he was director of operational research, chief commercial and planning officer, and managing director of buses, and was responsible for the popular Travelcard. At Sainsbury's he directed store operations, logistics and personnel, and is chairman of Savacentre, the hypermarket chain.

Mrs Bottomley, who is in Japan leading a BTA trade mission, said yesterday: "David Quarmby is a proven business strategist with an impressive track record and leadership skills . . ."

Peter Moore, managing director of Center Parcs, was also appointed to the English Tourist Board.

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# South Koreans to open Scottish plant

A SOUTH Korean industrial group is to invest £8.6 million in Scotland, creating almost 300 jobs, Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland, announced yesterday during a two-day visit to Seoul. Shin Ho Tech plans to build a factory in Glenrothes to assemble computer monitors. Last week, Kohdensha, a Japanese company, said that it would invest £6.5 million in Dunfermline, creating 87 new jobs.

Shin Ho Tech plans to begin construction of the factory in the third quarter of this year and start production in the second quarter of 1997. It will supply a range of United Kingdom and European customers. Mr Forsyth, who was in South Korea on the second leg of an inward investment initiative in the Far East, said: "This decision by Shin Ho Tech is important because it is ground-breaking and I am determined that their investment will be followed by other Korean companies." He added: "This is excellent news for Scotland and I look forward to Shin Ho Tech contributing to and sharing the success of the Scottish electronics industry." The electronics industry employs about 54,000 people in Scotland.

# Paper profits fall

THE *Bristol Evening Post* yesterday reported a 12.6 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, to £6.6 million, in the year to March 31, on turnover of £61.2 million, up 2 per cent. The downturn was largely due to a £1.64 million charge taken on the closure of its Lufton print works, Yeovil. Profits before exceptional items were up 7 per cent to £6.6 million, in spite of a 26 per cent rise in newsprint costs. A final dividend of 9p makes the total 14p, up 9.8 per cent. The company is changing its name to Bristol United Press to reflect the fact that it publishes and prints newspapers other than the *Evening Post*.

# Snecma chief sacked

THE French Government yesterday dismissed Bernard Dufour as chairman of Snecma, the state aircraft engine firm. Alain Lamassoure, a government spokesman, said that "recent statements" by M Dufour had questioned Snecma's strategy, and that he had failed to change policy "in spite of repeated requests from the Government". *Les Echos*, The economic daily, reported that M Dufour had angered the Government by asking for a capital increase of between Fr6 billion and Fr10 billion, whereas the Government wanted him to sell some of the company's assets.

# Abacus Polar warning

ABACUS POLAR, a distributor of electronic components in Britain and Scandinavia, told shareholders that sales and profits in the second half would be adversely affected by a worldwide increase in the supply of semiconductors and passive products for the personal computer market. The company, formed through the merger of Abacus and Polar in December, reported a rise in profits to £4.49 million before tax, from £3.1 million, in the half year to March 31. Earnings were 7.3p a share, rising from 5.9p. The interim dividend rises to 1.8p, from 1.6p. The shares fell 19p to 220p.

# Hawtin dividend rise

HAWTIN, the leisure, fitness and textile products company, reported profits of £2 million before tax for the half-year to March 31, rising from £1.65 million in the first half of the previous year. Earnings were 1.82p a share, compared with 1.53p, and the interim dividend is increased to 0.5p from 0.4p. Turnover of £25.6 million compared with £17.1 million previously and there was a 38 per cent advance in operating profits from continuing operations to £2.4 million. Hawtin's shares rose 1p to 54½p yesterday.

ACCOUNTANCY

# Companies could be hectored

## Tax self-assessment controversy is about to return with a vengeance, says **Heather Self**

One may be forgiven for thinking that the debate had drawn to a close after the blaze of publicity surrounding personal tax self-assessment died down. But self-assessment is set to return with a vengeance for another group of taxpayers — UK companies. And for them, it may be even tougher.

The initial reaction of many companies may be "So what, we have been complying with Pay and File for three years, haven't we?". Indeed they have. The basic principle of corporates calculating their own tax, rather than the Inland Revenue doing it for them, was established under the 1993 system.

However, corporate self-assessment, which is currently going through a long consultation period (the official start date being clouded by the uncertainty over the next general election), means much more than that.

Doubtless we will see the "Son of Hector the Inspector" or some such Revenue advertising follow-up, promising the business world a leaner, quicker, more efficient corporate tax system, just like the original bowler-hatted Hector has done for personal tax self-assessment. But there are already worrying signs.

A key issue is that the Revenue, as with personal tax self-assessment, will have increased powers of investigation, some of them random. This means that inspectors will be able to make inquiries without giving specific reasons. And with no assessment work to do, the Revenue will have the manpower to spare.

Allied to this is the introduction of a penalty regime noticeably stricter than under Pay and File. While the Revenue is at pains to emphasise that this will be triggered only by "fraudulent or negligent delivery" of a tax return, the view at Somerset House of what is negligence may be very different to that of a hard-pressed company. This gulf in perception has already been seen in the thorny issue of disclosure. The Revenue has belatedly increased the amount of white space on the proposed self-assessment form under the pivotal Electronic Lodgement Service to allow accounts to accompany a taxpayer's return — but it would not cope with, say, a sale contract if it were needed to give the required "full information" about a transaction.

Heather Self believes a more pragmatic approach is needed

Yet the greatest headache for finance directors of multinationals could be the increasingly critical area of transfer pricing. Just picture the scene as the deadline for filling in the corporate return approaches. You have contacted the tax directors in your affiliated companies in Spain, Brazil and Kazakhstan and have worked out all the related-party cash flows. But what about the spare capacity which the UK allowed the German subsidiary to use on a "cost plus 5 per cent" basis this year, which was itself a quid pro quo for a similar agreement in reverse last year?

And what of those losses that were accepted as a strategic decision in attempting to penetrate the Vietnam market for a couple of years — now four? And as for those interest-free loans between UK group companies . . . suddenly the thought of signing a declaration that every transaction has been made on a strictly "arm's-length" basis is rather daunting.

As for the documentation that will be needed, we can look to the Australian model, which was carefully studied by the Revenue before the move to a self-assessment regime started. How does it sound: selecting your five key countries and setting down in order of preference the transfer pricing methods used?

Major changes to tax law seem to be brought in under the guise of a move to self-assessment, with no good case being brought for them. It is easy to blame the Revenue (and some of the more technical changes are clearly being driven by Somerset House), but the feeling persists that politicians have made promises which bind the Revenue into an unnecessarily tight timetable. We need to slow down and work out a system which does not result in needless burdens on business.

Further bureaucracy could be on the cards with a formal rulings system. While a regime that is binding on the Revenue would clearly be needed, it would be a shame if the current informal system disappeared, which is one forum where useful communication can take place.

A pragmatic, commercial view must be taken by all sides — one can only hope that the unpromising beginnings are left behind and the move to corporate self-assessment does not cause the business community to begin the third millennium under a cloud.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

# Top lament on self-assessment

THE great verse competition that we organised in conjunction with the Chartered Institute of Taxation has been a tremendous success.

An extraordinary number of entries arrived via fax, post and cleft stick, which only goes to show just how annoyed people are by self-assessment, the topic for the verses. The brief was to come up with the best clerihew to celebrate, illuminate or villify the self-assessment system.

You could, like Kate Hibbert, of London N7, one of the runners-up, be realistic about it all:

*Where once we could relax*
*While experts did our tax,*
*now we're self-assessing.*
*How depressing.*

Even the taxmen themselves are joining in the chorus of disapproval. Another runner-up is Leon Rose, of Stockport, himself a retired inspector of taxes. He takes the concept of tax penalties to their logical conclusion:

*I used to get my tax assessed,*
*And that was always a bit of a pest.*
*But now we have self-assessment.*
*What follows? — self-arrestment?*

The winner, who will shortly be the recipient of a magnum of champagne from the Chartered Institute of Taxation, is Brenda Walsh, of Oxfordshire. These are her views:

*Keep your records up to date,*
*For if you don't t'will seal your fate.*
*No use for you to plead or beg.*
*The penalty's an arm and leg.*

ROBERT BRUCE

# Leaders must show faith in profession

*LAST WEEK, an impressive alliance of professional people wrote a letter to the President of the Board of Trade. It was quite unprecedented. It is the question of why it was unprecedented that is so intriguing.*

The letter was signed by the heads of the main accountancy bodies whose members carry out auditing, by bodies representing actuaries and architects, construction and investment bankers, pension fund managers and finance directors. As Graham Ward, of Price Waterhouse, who has been masterminding the exercise for the English ICA, pointed out, there were representatives from every area with a set of accounts.

The letter was, of course, the one calling on Ian Lang to set in motion a review of the law on liability. There are excellent reasons for his doing so. As the Scottish ICA president, Robert Smith, of Morgan Grenfell, commented at the time: "There is already clear evidence that anxieties flowing from the present situation are stifling the development of more useful audits and audit reports, which benefits no one." Or, as Peter Smith, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, put it: "The overwhelming issue is that it is not commercially defensible or realistic that we should financially underwrite the failure of management from whom we are wholly independent." We know all that. We know the current system is unjust. But we also know governments see few votes in the professions and delay is their only policy on this one.

What is interesting about this development is that it has happened at all. The question is why the professions and the associated trade associations have not done this before. After all, the reforms achieved in the US were achieved in precisely this way. There, a coalition of lawyers, accountants and information technology companies fought for, and won, significant concessions to deter what they called "frivolous" lawsuits and gain a principle of proportionate liability in assessing blame where cases were obviously somewhat more serious.

The difference seems to be that in the US, where they are much more traditional about things anyway, the professions still have the courage of their convictions. They still believe that what they are doing is right. In this country, that feeling is much less strong. In recent weeks, we have had several examples. The leaders of the profession have put in bumbling performances while their critics have gained the upper hand. It is the rebels and the reformers who have the courage of their convictions. The leaders seem less sure.

Presidents of professional bodies and chairmen of the trade associations are the ones who dither. When faced with an annual meeting that was going the way of the dissidents the other week, the president of the certified accountants did not attempt reasoned argument. He didn't try to put his own views across. He simply refused to take any more questions and closed the meeting.

The same feeling comes across if you look at the latest report and accounts of the English ICA. It is full of flannel. The report begins: "One word sums up our theme for 1995 and beyond — excellence." On reading that, there can be only one reaction — to sling it in the bin.

But we are talking of a report by the biggest accountancy body in the country. Almost all of its 109,000 members deal with figures and reports most of their lives. They know what flannel is. Why does their institute not know?

The report has a fine photograph of the president, the secretary and the other two office-holders, taken in the warm glow of the old library at Moorgate Place. It looks just as it should — four solid, amiable and competent people, just right to warn a minister that a policy is off beam, to tell a client that an accounting policy is not on, or to advise you on a pension.

But turn the page, and you find yards of patronising tosh. Eight pages are divided between the council's report and an extraordinary sequence headed "Did You Know?", resembling the gee-whizz stuff served up to teenagers by magazines with not a clue about their market.

Some of the information is impressive, for example the number of technical and ethical enquiries dealt with by the institute. Some is nonsense. Some of the most useful services are listed under the headline "Best-kept secrets", which suggests the institute is somehow embarrassed about them.

When the profession's leaders seem so unsure of themselves, their message and what they stand for, it is no wonder that politicians can get away with shelving eminently reasonable reforms. What the leaders need is *gravitas* and to mean it.

ROBERT BRUCE

# Shares close below best of day

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 556 | 478½ | Allied Domecq† | 490 | + 4 | 6.0 | 18.8 |
| 625 | 500 | Bulmer (HP) | 580 | .. | 2.7 | 18.2 |
| 131 | 115 | Burn Stewart | 115 | .. | 5.4 | 24.8 |
| 655 | 615 | Glenmorangie A | 645 | .. | 2.4 | ... |
| 484 | 411 | Grand Met | 448 | + 5 | 4.3 | 18.7 |
| 493 | 435 | Guinness | 476 | + 6 | 3.9 | 15.5 |
| 377 | 315 | Highland Distl | 373 | + 1 | 2.7 | 17.4 |
| 195 | 150 | Macallan-Glen | 168 | .. | 1.1 | 34.5 |
| 796 | 655 | Matthew Clark | 796 | + 6 | 3.5 | . |
| 137 | 93 | Merrydown W | 124 | ... | 2.0 | ... |
| 2612½ | 1706¼ | SA Breweries | 1925 | + 31¼ | 1.9 | |

## BANKS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3584½ | 2743¾ | ABN-AMRO | 3425 | + 49½ | 4.0 | 11.9 |
| 663 | 528 | Abbey Ntl | 589 | + 6 | 4.8 | 10.9 |
| 385 | 322 | Allied Irish | 360 | ... | 4.9 | 10.2 |
| 336 | 299 | Aus NewZ | 313 | - 2 | 6.1 | 7.5 |
| 5243¾ | 3843¾ | Bank America† | 4993¾ | - 75 | | |
| 316 | 235½ | Bank Scotland† | 267 | ... | 3.2 | 11.2 |
| 819 | 683 | Barclays | 768 | - 8 | 4.2 | 10.0 |
| 488 | 422 | Bk of Ireland† | 457 | - 1 | 4.2 | ... |
| 482 | 403 | Cater Allen | 408 | | 9.3 | 6.7 |
| 5606¼ | 4031¼ | Citicorp | 5525 | - 81¼ | | |
| 392 | 316 | Close Bros | 363 | . | 3.1 | 16.1 |
| £157¾ | £135¾ | Commerzbk | £135¾ | + 6¾ | 3.8 | |
| 1350 | 1162½ | Dai Ichi Kan Y | 1162½ | .. | 0.4 | ... |
| 3412½ | 2378¾ | Deutsche Bk | 3085¾ | - 71¼ | 2.5 | |
| 803¾ | 593¾ | Espirito Santo | 771¼ | - 3¾ | 4.7 | 10.2 |
| 1507 | 1265½ | Fuji Bank Y | 1380¼ | - 8 | 0.4 | |
| 472 | 370 | Gerrard Nat | 370 | . | 7.6 | 11.9 |
| 252 | 196 | Hambros | 236 | - 1 | 4.0 | |
| 1125 | 931 | HSBC† | 985 | + 4 | 4.1 | 10.5 |
| 1099 | 830 | HSBC HK† | 987 | + 6 | 4.1 | 10.5 |
| 421 | 385 | Irish Perm | 396 | | 3.2 | 10.8 |
| 175 | 143 | King Shaxson | 173 | - 1 | 6.5 | 13.4 |
| 453 | 448 | Leopold J | 453 | | 5.2 | 15.6 |
| 347½ | 294½ | Lloyds TSB | 318½ | + 6½ | 3.1 | 14.0 |
| 640 | 576 | Nat Aust Bk | 631 | + 8 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| 711 | 608 | Nat West | 628 | + 9 | 5.0 | 8.8 |
| 56 | 58 | Rea Brothers | 68 | . | 2.2 | 27.5 |
| 596 | 483 | Ryl Bk Scotl† | 529 | + 6 | 4.0 | 11.7 |
| 1380 | 1185 | Schroders | 1348 | + 10 | 1.5 | 18.8 |
| 1128 | 890 | Schroders N/V | 1089 | + 35 | 1.9 | 15.0 |
| 116 | 99½ | Singer & Fried† | 110 | - 1 | 4.5 | 9.1 |
| 662½ | 547 | Stand Chart† | 625 | + 5 | 2.2 | 13.7 |
| 105 | 85½ | Union | 99 | + 2 | 3.8 | .. |
| £174¾ | £131¾ | Wells Fargo | £159¾ | - 150 | 2.1 | . |
| 329½ | 264 | Westpac | 309 | - 1 | 4.8 | |
| 305 | 268 | Woolwich | 303 | . | 4.8 | 17.3 |

## BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 35 | [illegible] | 36 | | .. | 7.8 |
| 370 | 263 | Ascot Hldgs | 369 | - 1 | .. | 0.7 |
| 819 | 702 | Bass | 819 | + 10 | 3.6 | 17.5 |
| 70 | 42 | Brit for the Bdr | 43 | + 1 | 4.8 | 11.2 |
| 177 | 161 | Burtonwd Brw | 162 | | 4.2 | 15.7 |
| 123 | 92 | City Centre Rest† | 117 | + 1 | 2.4 | 22.1 |
| 570 | 463 | Compass Gp | 567 | + 6 | 1.8 | 26.9 |
| 363 | 190 | Eldridge P 'A'© | 243 | | 2.5 | 22.2 |
| 515 | 413 | Fuller Smth 'A'© | 510 | | 2.1 | 20.1 |
| 636 | 551 | Greenalls Grp | 583 | + 1 | 3.2 | 15.7 |
| 695 | 604 | Greene King | 677 | - 1 | 2.7 | 16.6 |
| 278 | 224 | Grosvenor Inns | 278 | .. | 2.5 | 29.6 |
| 254 | 204 | Groupe Chez Ger | 242 | ... | 1.3 | 24.5 |
| 357 | 300 | Hardy Hanson | 301 | | 4.2 | 11.2 |
| 230 | 155 | Headlines | 210 | .. | 3.5 | 12.7 |
| 3475 | 3085 | Hall JI | 3175 | | 2.2 | 17.2 |
| 56 | 46 | Inn Business | 56 | + 1 | | |
| 349 | 313 | Mansfield | 349 | + 2 | 1.9 | 17.5 |
| 353½ | 307 | Marston Thmp | 349 | .. | 2.8 | 16.4 |
| 673 | 536 | Morland | 629 | | 2.4 | 18.9 |
| 147 | 118 | My Kinda Town | 143 | | 2.6 | 14.1 |

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 548 | 426 | Brammer† | 534 | - 5 | 3.3 | ... |
| 22 | 18 | Bridgend Gp | 21 | ... | 1.2 | .. |
| 113 | 76 | Brit Fittings | 113 | . | 4.0 | 15.5 |
| 290 | 245 | Caityns | 285 | | 5.0 | 19.7 |
| 156 | 105 | Caverdale† | 156 | + 1 | 2.4 | 10.4 |
| 95 | 65½ | Central Mtr | 95 | | 0.7 | .. |
| 107½ | 78 | Charles Sidney | 102 | + 3 | 4.7 | 15.8 |
| 84 | 54½ | Cook (DC) | 84 | | 3.3 | 9.4 |
| 390 | 287 | Cowie | 390 | + 1 | 3.3 | 14.7 |
| 175 | 120½ | Dag Motors | 163 | | 5.9 | . |
| 163 | 125¾ | Dewmans B | 156 | .. | 2.0 | 14.1 |
| 434 | 385 | Diplomat† | 387 | . | 4.7 | 13.6 |
| 407 | 328 | Electrocomponts | 389 | - 2 | 1.9 | 27.1 |
| 314 | 213 | Eurodis Elec | 222 | - 1 | 2.5 | 15.9 |
| 133 | 65 | Eurodollar | 132 | ... | 7.4 | 7.9 |
| 105 | 76 | European Mtr | 100 | + 1 | 6.5 | 8.6 |
| 375 | 286 | Evans Halshaw | 373 | . | 5.5 | 13.5 |
| 67 | 51 | File Indexg | 51 | | 8.1 | .. |
| 327 | 248 | Flextel Grp | 327 | + 1 | 2.1 | 19.2 |
| 30 | 16½ | Gardiner | 29½ | ... | 3.6 | 11.8 |
| 64½ | 33½ | Glenchewton | 56½ | . | 2.0 | 41.5 |
| 90 | 84 | Gowrings | 90 | .. | 3.8 | |
| 264 | 216 | Harris (Philip) | 264 | + 2 | 3.5 | 16.8 |
| 278 | 200½ | Headlam† | 278 | + 6 | 2.2 | 22.1 |
| 658 | 487 | Healys | 650 | - 3 | 2.3 | 19.1 |
| 200 | 132 | Holders Tech | 190 | - 5 | 4.0 | . |
| 185 | 153 | ISA Intl† | 177 | .. | 1.7 | 17.9 |
| 318 | 231 | Inchcape† | 291 | + 1 | 4.0 | |
| 60 | 33 | Jacks (Wm)† | 48 | . | 4.8 | 18.6 |
| 231 | 169 | Kwik-Fit | 231 | ... | 2.7 | 16.2 |
| 369 | 299 | Lex Service | 364 | | 5.2 | 13.2 |
| 147½ | 119 | Lookers | 142 | | 7.0 | 8.3 |
| 17 | 10½ | Malaga Grp | 13 | | 6.3 | 13.4 |
| 9¼ | 7¼ | Micklmeos©† | 8 | .. | 1.2 | |
| 47 | 31 | Midstates | 38½ | ... | .. | 8.7 |
| 565 | 440 | Norbain | 530 | | 1.8 | 18.0 |
| 315 | 232 | Northamber | 307 | - 1 | 0.7 | 24.6 |
| 162 | 108 | PCT© | 123 | . | 7.8 | |
| 341 | 272 | Pendragon | 339 | | 3.3 | 17.2 |
| 211 | 145 | Perry Grp | 196 | | 5.1 | 11.7 |
| 745 | 603 | Premier Farnell† | 733 | - 1 | 1.8 | |
| 168 | 135 | Quicks Group† | 168 | . | 4.7 | 14.0 |
| 305 | 185 | REA | 305 | + 11 | 1.7 | 38.2 |
| 3 | 2 | Reece | 2½ | . | . | |
| 61 | 39 | Rosscon† | 45 | . | 4.2 | ... |
| 4½ | 2 | Ross Gp | 3½ | | | |
| 56 | 48 | SEP Intl | 56 | - 1 | 3.6 | 12.8 |
| 195 | 120 | Saltire | 151 | | 0.8 | 20.0 |
| 373 | 246 | Time Products | 373 | .. | 3.4 | |
| 41 | 30 | Torex Hire | 36 | | 4.5 | 18.9 |
| 326 | 268 | Vardy (Reg) | 326 | | 2.3 | 18.1 |
| 413 | 325 | Wholesale Ftgs | 398 | - 1 | 3.8 | 21.1 |
| 59 | 37½ | Wilshaw | 37½ | - 1 | 2.7 | 8.9 |
| 143 | 78 | Wyko | 127 | | 1.7 | .. |
| 133 | 104 | Young (H) | 128 | . | 3.9 | 14.8 |

## DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0¾ | 0½ | Anglo Utd | 0½ | | | |
| 388 | 288 | Antofagasta† | 373 | ... | 1.7 | 12.6 |
| 1056 | 896 | Broken Hill | 1006 | + 6 | 2.6 | 21.2 |
| 340 | 281 | BTR† | 281½ | - 2 | 6.5 | 11.6 |
| 586 | 477 | BAT† | 521 | + 4 | 5.8 | 10.2 |
| 217 | 181 | Berisford Intl | 217 | + 7 | 1.7 | 21.1 |
| 134 | 111 | Bibby (J) | 128 | | 6.0 | 10.0 |
| 63¼ | 50¾ | Brierley Inv | 58½ | - ½ | 8.1 | 2.9 |
| 972 | 817 | Charter | 966 | + 2 | 3.6 | 14.3 |
| 328 | 282 | Cookson† | 313 | - 3 | 3.2 | 16.4 |
| 181 | 141 | Cosalt | 180 | | 6.4 | 11.1 |
| 278 | 204 | DCC† | 278 | + 2 | 3.2 | |
| 140 | 120 | Grampian Hdg | 134 | . | 5.7 | 14.9 |
| 220 | 179 | Hanson | 191½ | + 1 | 8.0 | 8.8 |
| 172¼ | 140½ | Harrison Crsfld† | 144 | | 7.8 | 15.3 |
| 439¼ | 379½ | Hutch Whmp | 418¼ | + 3¼ | 1.9 | 21.9 |
| 563½ | 441½ | Jardine Math | 515 | - 19 | 3.2 | |
| 217½ | 174½ | Lonrho | 185 | - ½ | 3.2 | 20.8 |
| 190 | 164 | McLeod Russel | 187 | | 4.4 | 16.6 |
| 478 | 403 | Powell Duffryn | 421 | - 1 | 7.4 | 17.3 |
| 146 | 131 | Ropner | 131 | | 7.9 | |
| 174 | 155 | Sime Darby† | 163 | - 3 | 3.0 | 14.6 |

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 148 | 129 | Inv Capt | 135½ | | 4.9 | 24.0 |
| 135 | 101 | Inv Biotech | 134 | | 0.9 | |
| 46 | 33 | Inv Wts | 45 | | | |
| 107 | 98 | Intl C | 107 | | | |
| 114 | 96½ | INVESCO Asia | 106½ | | | |
| 65 | 59 | INVESCO Euro | 64 | | 17.9 | |
| 180 | 135 | INVESCO Eng Inc | 180 | | 0.7 | .. |
| 137 | 122 | INVESCO Korea | 129 | - 1 | | |
| 63½ | 52½ | INVESCO Tokyo | 58 | | | |
| 95½ | 69 | J Fry 2nd Utl | 83 | + 1 | 10.4 | 10.4 |
| 79 | 68 | J Fry Euro U | 77 | . | 7.2 | 14.1 |
| 280 | 224 | JF Fledg Jap | 255 | | | . |

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 183 | 148 | Euro Leisure | 155 | | | 4.3 |
| 19 | 13½ | Famoslord | 17½ | - ½ | | |
| 81 | 62 | First Choice | 77 | | 7.1 | |
| 400 | 347 | First Leisure | 372 | | 2.6 | 21.6 |
| 190 | 142 | Friendly Hotels† | 180 | | 4.0 | |
| 644 | 619 | Granada | 619 | + 10 | 1.8 | 19.8 |
| 48½ | 35 | Hi-Tec Sports | 45 | | 2.6 | |
| 198 | 148 | Hornby© | 195 | | | |
| 553 | 425 | Hazlock | 521 | | 2.2 | 19.0 |
| 263 | 201 | Jarvis Hotel | 259 | - 3¼ | 3.1 | 16.5 |
| 31½ | 23¼ | Kunick | 31¼ | - ¼ | 2.6 | 25.1 |
| 207 | 143 | Ladbroke† | 191 | | 5.9 | 29.7 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 88 | 74 | Jupiter Ex Inc | 83 | . | 11.7 | 9.1 |
| 7 | 4 | Jupiter Ex IncWt | 6½ | | | |
| 83 | 70 | Jupiter Gbl Cap | 78 | . | 12.5 | 10.0 |
| 29 | 24½ | Jupiter Gbl Pfd | 28½ | | .. | |
| 128 | 108 | Jupiter Intl Grn | 119 | | 3.9 | .. |
| 282 | 252 | Kleinwt Chr | 281 | + ½ | 2.4 | 49.6 |
| 130 | 114 | Kleinwt E Mkt | 126 | | | |
| 150 | 139 | Kleinwt Eng | 148 | + 1 | ... | |
| 94 | 80 | Kleinwt Euro Prvt | 93½ | | 3.0 | 41.3 |
| 28 | 19¼ | Kleinwt Euro Wts | 27½ | + ¼ | | |
| 67 | 74 | Kleinwt H Inc† | 64 | . | 12.6 | 9.1 |
| 298 | 274 | Kleinwt O'seas | 287½ | | 1.5 | 76.6 |
| 172 | 136 | Kleinwt Smlr | 172 | .. | 2.4 | 50.9 |
| 611 | 524 | Korea—Euro | 576 | - 2½ | 0.1 | |
| 118¾ | 95¾ | Latin American | 109¾ | - ½ | | |
| 1033 | 920 | Law Debenture | 1033 | | 2.7 | 36.8 |

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 561 | 425 | London Clubs | 517 | + 1 | 3.4 | 18.5 |
| 385 | 188 | Man Utd | 336 | | 1.7 | 10.9 |
| 96¼ | 77¼ | Mandarin Ornt | 89¼ | + 1½ | 4.1 | 18.6 |
| 138 | 89 | Northern† | 137 | - 1 | 3.8 | 15.5 |
| 141 | 114 | Prism Leisure | 140 | | 4.5 | 9.7 |
| 34½ | 28 | Queensborough▲ | 34 | + 1 | | |
| 32 | 11½ | Queens Moat | 22 | + 1½ | | |
| 547 | 442 | Rank Org | 519 | + 4 | 3.8 | 16.6 |
| 47 | 31 | Ryan Hotels (E) | 44 | | 4.4 | |
| 1390 | 930 | Savoy Hotel 'A' | 1355 | | 1.3 | 54.5 |
| 215 | 175 | Sinclair (Wm) | 206 | - 2 | 4.7 | 13.3 |
| 115 | 80 | Stakis | 112 | | 2.0 | 23.6 |
| 480 | 335 | Stanley Leisure | 479 | | 1.6 | 24.9 |
| 20½ | 13 | Tandem | 14 | | | |
| 348 | 346 | Tanjong | 348 | | 1.5 | |
| 376 | 223¾ | Tottenham Hot A | 375 | | 1.5 | 6.9 |

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| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
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| **AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 01895 259 783 | | | | |
| Grolund Amer | 227.50 | 240.80 | - 2.00 | 0.14 |
| Grolund Equity | 272.80 | 290.30† | + 0.20 | 1.87 |
| Grolund Euro | 273.80 | 289.70 | - 0.50 | 0.56 |
| Grolund Expt Bd | 133.20 | 138.00 | ... | 2.55 |
| Grolund Gilt | 76.33 | 78.60 | - 0.06 | 6.02 |
| Grolund Japan | 186.20 | 197.10 | + 0.20 | |
| **AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS** | | | | |
| 01203 553 231 | | | | |
| General Acc | 653.00 | 694.70 | + 1.00 | 2.49 |
| General Inc | 554.80 | 590.30 | + 0.90 | 2.49 |
| UK Growth Acc | 443.60 | 472.00† | + 0.70 | 2.70 |
| UK Growth Inc | 291.30 | 309.90† | + 0.40 | 2.70 |
| Higher Inc Acc | 793.80 | 844.30† | + 5.90 | 4.11 |
| Higher Inc Inc | 432.90 | 460.60† | + 3.30 | 4.11 |
| Gilt/Fxd Int Acc | 205.20 | 216.80 | - 0.30 | 5.69 |
| Gilt/Fxd Int Inc | 92.12 | 97.31 | - 0.12 | 5.69 |
| Nth America | 399.60 | 425.20† | - 6.50 | |
| Europe | 361.10 | 384.20 | - 2.00 | 0.39 |
| Brit Excell | 88.07 | 93.70† | + 0.13 | 2.88 |
| Brit Fortunes Acc | 114.80 | 122.20 | + 0.70 | 4.61 |
| Brit Fortunes Inc | 78.69 | 83.71 | + 0.44 | 4.61 |
| Global Opps | 108.60 | 115.80† | - 0.40 | 0.07 |
| Balanced Acc | 63.35 | 67.40† | + 0.06 | 2.57 |
| Balanced Inc | 59.93 | 63.76† | + 0.06 | 2.57 |
| Japan Acc | 49.36 | 52.52 | + 0.07 | |
| Pac Basin Acc | 428.80 | 456.20† | - 2.20 | 0.79 |
| **ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS** | | | | |
| 0345 717 373 | | | | |
| Gilts & Fixed Int | 129.00 | 136.90 | + 0.10 | 7.30 |
| High Inc Equity | 183.10 | 195.80† | + 0.70 | 4.40 |
| Worldwide Bond | 286.90 | 304.20† | - 0.60 | 4.60 |
| American Growth | 377.70 | 404.10 | - 4.90 | 0.19 |
| Asian Pacific | 357.00 | 381.80 | - 0.20 | 0.08 |
| Assets & Earnings | 307.90 | 327.50† | + 0.80 | 2.56 |
| Euro Capital Acc | 182.70 | 195.40 | - 0.70 | 0.61 |
| Extra Inc | 43.77 | 46.56† | | 8.12 |
| General | 280.40 | 298.30 | + 0.20 | 2.94 |
| Global Opps | 71.40 | 75.96 | - 0.14 | 0.53 |
| Japan | 131.30 | 140.30 | - 0.10 | ... |
| Managed Inc | 48.34 | 51.43† | + 0.15 | 4.52 |
| Mastertrust | 172.60 | 184.60 | | 1.33 |
| US Emerging Cos | 234.30 | 249.30 | - 3.10 | |
| Ethical | 84.21 | 89.58 | - 0.16 | 2.50 |
| International | 145.00 | 154.30 | - 0.30 | 0.25 |
| Dividend & Growth | 68.69 | 73.07 | + 0.22 | 4.20 |
| Global Gwth & Sec | 72.95 | 77.93 | + 0.18 | 2.46 |
| Latin America | 67.05 | 71.33 | + 0.10 | . |
| Capital Reserve | 143.60 | 143.60 | + 0.10 | 5.22 |
| **ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 220 0733 | | | | |
| UK Small Cos | 2339.00 | 2425.00 | | |
| **ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 833 580 | | | | |
| Amer Inc & Growth | 60.69 | 63.06† | - 0.56 | 0.49 |
| Emerging Mkts | 75.95 | 80.14 | - 0.19 | 0.04 |
| European | 153.70 | 159.80 | - 0.90 | |
| Exempt | 1098.90 | 1163.60† | + 6.20 | 1.60 |
| Extra Income # | 48.22 | 51.66 | + 0.01 | 6.41 |
| Far East Emg Ecn | 139.20 | 146.10 | - 0.50 | 0.43 |
| Fixed Interest # | 24.53 | 25.52† | - 0.02 | 9.44 |
| Fund Inv Tst | 157.20 | 165.00† | + 0.10 | 9.30 |
| Japan | 194.70 | 202.40 | + 0.20 | .. |
| Latin American | 60.94 | 63.57 | + 0.50 | 0.77 |
| Pacific | 89.26 | 93.73† | - 0.53 | 0.28 |
| Property Share | 68.86 | 72.28 | - 0.05 | 2.43 |
| UK Emerging Cos | 74.68 | 80.73 | + 0.15 | 1.19 |
| UK Growth | 52.12 | 55.08† | | 2.13 |
| Aber World Port # | 83.46 | 85.12 | - 0.09 | 1.84 |
| Ethical | 79.25 | 82.42 | + 0.25 | 2.14 |
| Aberdeen Gilt Inc # | 50.72 | 50.72 | + 0.01 | 7.40 |
| For AEGON see Mellesen | | | | |
| **AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 256 5868 | | | | |
| Resdl Property # | 94.94 | 101.90 | . | 5.09 |
| **ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD** | | | | |
| 01452 305 958 | | | | |
| Amity Income | 90.97 | 96.52 | + 0.18 | 2.03 |
| Income Builder Inc | 80.49 | 85.63 | + 0.38 | 2.78 |
| **ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC** | | | | |
| IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514 | | | | |
| Balanced Trusts | | | | |
| Growth & Income | 276.30 | 295.30 | + 0.30 | 3.15 |
| Capital | 493.60 | 527.60 | + 0.50 | 1.19 |
| Balanced | 810.40 | 866.30† | - 0.20 | 2.40 |
| Accumulator | 1545.00 | 1651.00† | + 3.00 | 1.89 |
| Income Trusts | | | | |
| American Income | 62.31 | 66.53 | - 0.68 | 2.40 |
| High Income | 446.50 | 477.30 | + 0.80 | 3.96 |
| Equity Income | 253.30 | 270.70 | + 0.50 | 3.91 |
| High Yield | 270.00 | 288.60† | + 0.80 | 4.05 |
| Govt Securities | 33.31 | 35.16† | - 0.05 | 6.21 |
| International Trusts | | | | |
| Amer Spec Sits | 219.30 | 233.90 | - 2.70 | 0.05 |
| European Growth | 53.94 | 57.50 | - 0.48 | 0.07 |
| International | 195.80 | 209.20 | - 0.90 | 0.11 |
| Japan | 220.80 | 236.00 | + 1.00 | |
| Pacific | 443.70 | 474.30 | - 7.70 | |
| Secs of America | 601.60 | 641.00† | - 9.10 | 0.12 |
| Wrlde Asset Val | 58.19 | 62.20 | - 0.21 | 0.02 |
| Specialist Trusts | | | | |
| Asset Value | 618.70 | 661.30† | + 0.50 | 1.53 |
| Conv & Gilt | 48.99 | 52.37 | + 0.12 | 4.14 |
| Smaller Cos | 218.90 | 234.00 | - 0.40 | 0.95 |

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| **CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 606 0708 | | | | |
| Cazenove Portfolio | 102.00 | 108.80 | + 0.03 | 2.35 |
| American Portfolio | 123.71 | 131.45 | - 1.42 | 0.85 |
| European Portfolio | 131.48 | 139.45 | - 0.61 | 0.63 |
| High Income | 50.48 | 53.60† | - 0.05 | 7.90 |
| Japanese Portfolio | 73.52 | 78.11 | + 0.02 | |
| Pacific Portfolio | 164.10 | 176.46 | - 0.90 | 1.35 |
| UK Equity | 97.78 | 103.90 | + 0.05 | 3.06 |
| UK Equity & Bd | 56.09 | 59.51 | + 0.56 | 6.47 |
| **CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG** | | | | |
| 0171 588 1815 | | | | |
| Inv Fund | 754.34 | 765.74 | | 4.23 |
| Fxd Int Sec | 154.48 | 156.10 | | 9.22 |
| **COIF CHARITY FUNDS** | | | | |
| 0171 588 1815 | | | | |
| Investment Inc | 742.54 | 753.76 | .. | 4.35 |
| Investment Acc | 530.47 | 533.98 | | |
| Fixed Int Inc | 125.04 | 125.54 | . | 9.24 |
| Fixed Int Acc | 217.63 | 218.51 | ... | |
| **CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Beckman Intl | 88.64 | 93.61 | - 0.10 | 3.17 |
| Beck Bio-Tech | 51.83 | 56.98 | . | |
| Acorn Ethical 1st | 187.98 | 197.40 | | 0.55 |
| City Fin Assets | 82.36 | 86.49† | . | 1.55 |
| City Fin America | 126.92 | 133.28 | + 0.38 | ... |
| City Fin Intl | 95.70 | 100.49† | - 2.25 | 0.47 |
| City Fin Japan | 162.61 | 170.76 | - 3.72 | .. |
| Frans Hse Cap | 329.89 | 349.88 | | 2.15 |
| Frans Hse Inc | 199.97 | 212.73† | | 3.85 |
| Buckley Wrld Gth | 157.73 | 167.19 | - 0.45 | . |
| J Std Inc/Gth Inc | 56.83 | 59.68 | ... | 1.57 |
| **CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300 | | | | |
| Emerging Markets | 59.32 | 62.84 | - 0.33 | .. |
| **CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 373 393 | | | | |
| American Gwth | 85.79 | 91.27 | - 1.02 | . |
| Dragon Growth | 76.96 | 82.31 | - 0.19 | 0.33 |
| Equity High Inc | 90.41 | 96.18 | + 0.41 | 4.10 |
| -do- Accum | 127.26 | 135.38 | + 0.58 | 4.10 |
| Extra Income Inc | 26.01 | 27.37 | + 0.01 | 7.54 |
| Extra Income Acc | 27.82 | 29.27 | + 0.01 | 7.54 |
| European Gwth | 64.06 | 67.99 | - 0.33 | 0.86 |
| Evergreen | 33.38 | 35.70 | - 0.04 | . |
| General Equity | 101.23 | 107.41 | + 0.04 | 2.81 |
| Japan Growth | 55.39 | 58.82 | + 0.03 | . |
| Pedigree Gwth | 63.17 | 67.20 | - 0.10 | 2.39 |
| Pad Sm Cos Inc | 39.43 | 41.95† | + 0.01 | 1.21 |
| -do- Accum | 41.77 | 44.44 | + 0.01 | 1.21 |
| Retirement Inc # | 27.83 | 29.61 | + 0.13 | 5.87 |
| Special Sit. | 48.24 | 51.32 | - 0.12 | 2.04 |
| UK & Overseas | 60.92 | 64.64 | - 0.26 | 0.58 |
| **COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01634 898 000 | | | | |
| Balanced | 68.22 | 71.06 | + 0.19 | 4.04 |
| Capital | 81.88 | 85.29 | + 0.18 | 2.30 |
| High Income | 50.01 | 52.09† | - 0.02 | 7.28 |
| Top 50 | 54.64 | 56.91 | + 0.03 | 2.14 |
| **COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD** | | | | |
| 0181 686 9818 | | | | |
| PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS) | | | | |
| Income Funds | | | | |
| Equity Inc | 188.87 | 200.93 | + 0.60 | 4.57 |
| Long Gilt | 41.82 | 44.37 | + 0.02 | 6.44 |
| Monthly Inc Plus | 48.50 | 51.60 | - 0.35 | 8.68 |
| Preference Share | 47.08 | 50.09 | - 0.02 | 7.95 |
| Balanced Funds | | | | |
| High Yield | 137.05 | 145.80 | + 0.20 | 5.85 |
| Managed Fund | 77.87 | 82.84 | - 0.04 | 2.59 |
| UK Growth Funds | | | | |
| Smaller Cos | 52.42 | 55.77 | - 0.03 | 1.70 |
| -do- Accum | 61.96 | 65.91 | - 0.05 | 1.70 |
| UK & General | 95.10 | 101.17 | + 0.04 | 2.55 |
| -do- Accum | 123.35 | 131.22 | + 0.08 | 2.55 |
| UK Growth | 189.12 | 201.19 | + 0.47 | 1.40 |
| International Growth Funds | | | | |
| Europa Growth | 215.65 | 229.41 | - 1.50 | 0.83 |
| Far Eastern Gth | 146.20 | 155.53 | - 0.59 | 0.02 |
| Global Bond | 82.52 | 87.69 | - 0.40 | 5.65 |
| Japan Growth | 123.94 | 131.85 | - 0.44 | . |
| North Amer Gth | 242.64 | 258.13 | - 3.38 | . |
| Oriental Growth | 88.80 | 94.47 | - 0.58 | 0.25 |
| Worldwide Growth | 77.33 | 82.27 | - 0.49 | 0.10 |
| OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS) | | | | |
| Deposit Fund | 92.07 | 92.07 | + 0.01 | 5.30 |
| Homemaker Fund | 93.04 | 98.98 | - 0.29 | 1.53 |
| Quilter Fund | 155.38 | 165.31 | - 0.24 | 7.89 |
| **CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Consistent UT | 36.37 | 38.90 | .. | 3.19 |
| **COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 526 358 | | | | |
| Growth | 184.30 | 196.10† | .. | 1.19 |
| Income | 71.79 | 76.37 | - 0.05 | 4.90 |
| European | 75.51 | 80.33 | - 0.70 | 0.65 |
| Recovery | 191.10 | 203.30 | - 0.40 | 1.45 |
| **CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 283 9494 | | | | |
| Equity Dist | 950.00 | 965.40 | . | 3.45 |
| **CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD** | | | | |

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| **FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511 | | | | |
| American Growth | 82.28 | 87.69 | - 0.76 | .. |
| -do- Accum | 82.28 | 87.69 | - 0.78 | . |
| Amer Smlr Cos | 756.00 | 809.40 | + 0.20 | ... |
| -do- Accum | 773.20 | 826.90 | + 0.90 | |
| Capital Tst | 401.30 | 426.90 | - 1.00 | 0.89 |
| -do- Accum | 586.10 | 623.50 | - 1.50 | 0.89 |
| Cont Smlr Cos | 65.01 | 69.35 | - 0.47 | 0.76 |
| -do- Accum | 68.68 | 73.18 | - 0.50 | 0.76 |
| Convertible | 143.50 | 152.70 | + 0.40 | 5.24 |
| -do- Accum | 304.70 | 324.20 | + 0.90 | 5.24 |
| Emerging Markets | 73.57 | 78.60 | - 0.21 | 0.20 |
| -do- Accum | 73.81 | 78.86 | - 0.22 | 0.20 |
| European | 148.10 | 156.80† | - 0.50 | 0.35 |
| -do- Accum | 155.60 | 165.90† | - 0.50 | 0.35 |
| Extra Income | 389.30 | 414.20 | + 4.10 | 3.66 |
| -do- Accum | 608.10 | 644.60 | + 6.80 | 3.66 |
| Financial | 166.90 | 177.60† | - 0.60 | 0.87 |
| -do- Accum | 177.30 | 188.60† | - 0.60 | 0.87 |
| Gilt Trust | 83.15 | 85.12† | + 0.06 | 6.41 |
| -do- Accum | 95.65 | 98.63† | + 0.09 | 6.41 |
| Health Fund Inc | 313.90 | 335.40† | - 3.40 | . |
| -do- Accum | 313.80 | 335.40† | - 3.40 | . |
| Income & Growth | 228.60 | 243.20† | + 3.20 | 3.04 |
| -do- Accum | 362.10 | 385.30† | + 5.00 | 3.04 |
| Intl Growth | 458.70 | 488.00† | - 4.20 | |
| -do- Accum | 508.80 | 541.90† | - 4.60 | . |
| Japan & Gen | 189.60 | 201.30 | - 2.00 | .. |
| -do- Accum | 191.60 | 203.40 | - 1.90 | ... |
| Monthly Inc # | 193.80 | 208.30† | + 1.30 | 4.36 |
| Managed Port Inc | 122.60 | 129.10† | + 0.40 | 1.59 |
| -do- Accum | 133.10 | 140.10† | + 0.30 | 1.59 |
| Quarterly Income # | 57.68 | 61.88† | + 0.78 | 4.29 |
| -do- Accum # | 65.17 | 69.91† | + 0.88 | 4.29 |
| Recovery | 388.30 | 413.20 | - 0.10 | 0.19 |
| -do- Accum | 456.00 | 487.70 | - 0.10 | 0.19 |
| UK Growth | 65.47 | 69.65† | + 0.72 | 1.90 |
| -do- Accum | 70.93 | 75.46† | + 0.80 | 1.90 |
| **FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS** | | | | |
| Dealing 01722 715836 Enq 01722 715834 | | | | |
| FP American | 62.23 | 66.20† | - 0.15 | 0.09 |
| FP Am Smlr Cos | 219.30 | 234.50† | - 1.10 | ... |
| FP Asian Growth | 302.50 | 323.50 | + 3.20 | ... |
| FP Australian | 425.10 | 458.10 | + 8.50 | . |
| FP Equity Dist | 444.20 | 472.50† | - 1.20 | 2.50 |
| -do- Accum | 978.60 | 1010.41 | - 3.80 | 2.50 |
| FP Euro Gth | 281.70 | 299.60† | + 1.10 | .. |
| -do- Accum | 308.10 | 327.70 | + 1.20 | .. |
| FP Intl Bond | 60.52 | 64.04 | - 0.35 | 4.46 |
| FP Intl Gth Dist | 39.52 | 42.17† | - 0.17 | 0.05 |
| -do- Accum | 57.69 | 61.56 | - 0.26 | 0.05 |
| FP Pac Basin Acc | 234.80 | 250.90 | - 0.89 | . |
| FP Income # | 59.49 | 63.45 | - 0.04 | 5.07 |
| -do- Accum # | 201.10 | 214.50 | - 0.10 | 5.07 |
| FP Jap Smlr Cos | 327.70 | 349.50 | -11.80 | ... |
| FP Monthly Dist # | 74.92 | 79.95† | - 0.47 | 5.78 |
| FP Stlg Deposit | 100.70 | 100.70 | | 5.35 |
| FP Tokyo | 88.89 | 94.81 | - 2.34 | ... |
| FP UK Focus | 41.74 | 44.76† | - 0.32 | 2.57 |
| FP UK Growth | 194.80 | 207.70 | - 0.70 | 2.33 |
| -do- Accum | 386.70 | 412.40 | - 1.30 | 2.33 |
| Stewardship Dist | 432.90 | 460.50† | - 1.50 | 1.33 |
| -do- Accum | 543.30 | 577.90 | - 1.80 | 1.33 |
| Stwdshp Inc Dist # | 83.66 | 89.00† | - 0.33 | 4.46 |
| -do- Accum # | 113.30 | 120.50 | - 0.50 | 4.46 |
| N Am Stshp Dist | 131.50 | 139.80 | .. | 0.30 |
| -do- Accum | 141.09 | 149.90 | + 0.16 | 0.30 |
| FP Managed Portfolio Service | | | | |
| Capital Gwth Acc | 129.00 | 137.20† | - 0.50 | 1.24 |
| Opon Cap Gth Acc | 135.60 | 144.20† | - 0.10 | 0.12 |
| Cap Gth Inc Inc # | 120.80 | 128.50 | - 0.80 | 2.48 |
| Cap Gth Inc Acc # | 126.50 | 134.50 | - 0.80 | 2.48 |
| Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic # | 123.10 | 130.90 | - 0.30 | 3.28 |
| Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac # | 129.50 | 137.70 | - 0.30 | 3.28 |
| **GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 581 106/7 | | | | |
| GANDA | 283.40 | 298.70† | + 0.10 | 2.06 |
| Cash | 49.42 | 50.16† | + 0.01 | 5.31 |
| Growth Portfolio | 92.16 | 97.69 | - 0.10 | 0.84 |
| Income Portfolio | 71.53 | 75.64† | + 0.32 | 4.07 |
| **GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 236 6441 | | | | |
| Special Sits | 259.60 | 278.60 | - 2.00 | 1.14 |
| Dividend | 97.05 | 103.80 | - 0.10 | 4.25 |
| Intl Gth & Inc | 255.50 | 273.30 | - 2.20 | 2.81 |
| UK & Gen | 50.28 | 53.77 | - 0.03 | 1.95 |
| Fund of Funds | 79.49 | 85.02 | + 0.14 | .. |
| **GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431 | | | | |
| Amer Spec Sits | 298.90 | 319.70 | - 2.70 | 0.10 |
| European Gth | 726.20 | 775.10 | - 8.60 | 0.62 |
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An all-party committee of MPs is to hold an inquiry into tourism in Britain in an attempt to find out what can be done to "encourage tourists, especially from abroad".

We need as many of these foreign visitors as we can get to help to kick-start the economy. But as David Quarmby, the former joint managing director of Sainsbury who was appointed yesterday to be the new chairman of the British Tourist Authority, is already all too aware, we also need to encourage British holidaymakers to spend more of their free time on home soil.

And despite the gloomy weather so far, this summer could just see the rebirth of domestic British tourism.

It is predicted that at least one million fewer package holidaymakers will go abroad this year. Yet most of that missing million are surely going to want to take a holiday somewhere.

Evidence that they are beginning to look closer to home is so far largely anecdotal. But hotel occupancy rates are now on the way up, and even price rises well ahead of inflation have not slowed the bookings.

But hotels are not the only — or even the best — places to stay while on holiday.

There is a growing demand for "chocolate-box" holiday cottages, which tour operators from Thomson to Hoseasons, as well as specialist operators such as Rural Retreats and the National Trust, are all now coming increasingly to regard as money-spinners, both for themselves and for their individual owners.

The cottage owners can expect to make more than £8,000 a year on a property sleeping six people, which is then rented out through a company, and still have a holiday home for themselves for four weeks of the year. Families or groups of friends can rent them at a fraction of the cost of travelling abroad.

Canal boat cruising is now twice as popular as a day at an amusement park, and the 2,000-mile network of inland waterways with their rural towpaths, working heritage, slow pace of life and canalside pubs are also increasingly appealing, even to tourists normally prepared to fly to the ends of the earth in search of that "something different".

Farmers reeling from the BSE crisis are ever more willing to look for new sources of income — and with financial assistance from the European Commission for turning farms into holiday centres, staying on a farm has changed beyond recognition.

Hundreds of farmers have now converted barns and stables to accommodate visitors, turned large areas of land into four-wheel-drive vehicle courses, fishing lakes and farm parks, and now offer a standard unheard of only a few years ago.

Fuelled by largely hysterical scares about health hazards such as the meningitis outbreak in Majorca, cancer from the sun, and heart disease from the cabins of aeroplanes, the urge to holiday at home is growing all the time.

As we report elsewhere, much needs to be done to ensure that protectionist local authorities realise how significant tourism is to their economy. Given the right impetus foreign package holidays can begin to take second place to home-based holidays. All we now need is the weather.

# Bargains of the week — the latest offers on holidays, ferries, flights and hotels

## HOLIDAYS

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## FERRIES

STENA Line is quoting £60 returns for a car and up to four passengers on its Harwich-Hook of Holland route. The fare applies to a five-day return ticket, travelling Sunday-Thursday by June 30. Details: 0990 707070.

■ NORTH Sea Ferries is offering 5 per cent off brochure prices, and Brittany Ferries 10 per cent off brochure fares on all routes for people booking through Eurodrive. Booking conditions may apply. Details: 0181 324 4000.

■ HOVERSPEED is offering £59 crossings for a three-day ticket for a car and up to five people on Dover-Calais; book and travel by June 30. A £49 fare is also on offer on Folkestone-Boulogne. Details: 01304 240241.

■ BRITTANY Ferries and the French Tourist Office have joined forces to promote Normandy as a short-break destination. Brittany Ferries is quoting £126 for a five-day ticket on crossings from Portsmouth and Poole to Caen and Cherbourg, with accommodation from £15.50 per person per night. Details: 0990 360360.

■ STENA Line has again extended a duty-free promotion on ferries to France from Dover, Newhaven and Southampton with prices of selected brands cut by up to two thirds. Day-trip prices in June are £15 per car and £1 per person. Details: 0990 767676.

## FLIGHTS

GULF Air has cut excursion fares to the Far East. Travel Warehouse is charging a flat return fare of £386 to either Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Bangkok or Manila. Details: 0171-414 8808.

■ WORLD Airlines has an introductory £199 business class fare for its London City to Amsterdam service. Details: 0171-287 6000.

■ KLM has special Euroff excursions flying from many UK airports via Amsterdam. Examples include Berlin from £136, Frankfurt £121, Madrid £120, Milan £124, Stockholm £195, Turin £119, Venice £120 and Vienna £148. Details: 0181-750 9000.

■ CEDOK is offering low fares to Prague flying with the Czech airline CSA from London or Manchester. Return fares start at £139 in June, rising to £152 in July. Details: 0171-839 1141.

■ DNATA has negotiated low fares to Johannesburg flying Alitalia via Rome. Economy costs £430 with business class priced at £1,726. Details: 0171-244 8844.

■ DEUTSCHE BA (the British Airways German subsidiary) has launched a twice-daily service between Gatwick and Hamburg. Details: 0345 222111.

## HOTELS

LONDON'S newest town house hotel, the Park Consul, opened this week with a single room rate of £105 a night, double at £135. The 46-room hotel is located in a district known as Brompton Cross between Knightsbridge and South Kensington. Details: 0171-225 7500.

■ HYATT Hotels has a special rate of $105 a night for weekends at its 17 Californian hotels until June 16. The package includes breakfast, free local telephone calls and late checkout. Details: 0345 581666.

■ CHILDREN are welcomed at the Plymouth Ho Moat House with weekend guests offered a free baby package of everything from cot and cotton wool to bath toy and baby shampoo. Weekend prices cost from £37 per person per night with children under 16 staying free. Details: 01752 639988.

■ THE Ritz Hotel, London, which is celebrating its ninetieth birthday this week, has invited top French chef Joel Garault into its kitchens until June 8 with special seasonal dishes from Provence. Set lunches start at £28 per person with a gourmet dinner available at £85 per head. Details: 0171-493 8181.

■ COARSE fishing, archery and clay pigeon shooting are some of the activities available at the White Hart Hotel at Bocking End, Essex. Prices per person for a two-night, half-board stay range from £79 for the fishing to £99 for the clay pigeon shooting. Details: 01376 321401.

■ THE Hotel Clarence reopens in Dublin next week after an 18-month £5 million restoration. Backers of the 50-room hotel include members of the rock group U2. Rates start at IR£130 per room per night. Details: 0800 181535.

■ LATE accommodation is available this week at Bath's Queensberry Hotel for visitors to the city's music festival, which features artists ranging from Cleo Laine and John Dankworth to the Lindsay Quartet. Rooms start at £129 per night. Details: 01225 447928.

■ LOW season summer rates are available at Morocco's top hotel, La Mamounia in Marrakesh. Prices start at 3,420 dirams (about £258) for a three-night stay in an Art Deco bedroom, including breakfast, airport transfers and flowers in the room. Details: 0800 181123.

■ AVERAGE daily room rates in UK hotels rose by 5.8 per cent last year, according to the latest survey of UK hotels from BDO Hospitality Consulting. Hotel occupancies here also rose, by 7.1 per cent over the year. Details: 0171-486 5191.

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# Tourists desert the Riviera

BY TONY DAWE AND STEVE KEENAN

THE French Riviera, for so long the holiday playground of the rich and famous, is losing its allure. The number of visitors has dropped by 10 per cent and Parisians are deserting its beaches and boulevards in favour of the Atlantic coast and rural areas.

Now Britain's leading holiday company is thinking of pulling out, only nine months after launching a package tour programme to the region amid publicity about the English reclaiming the *Promenade des Anglais* in Nice.

Thomson intended to revive the French Riviera as a mainstream destination for British holidaymakers this summer, believing the development of self-catering and hotel sports complexes would appeal to our jaded family palates.

The company contracted nine apartment and hotel resorts in Cannes, Port Grimaud, Cap Esterel, Fréjus and Cap d'Ail, with prices starting from £149 per person and weekly charter flights from Gatwick, Birmingham and Manchester.

The response has been so disappointing, however, and the reaction of some who have travelled so unfavourable that Thomson is considering dropping the Riviera from next year's summer brochure.

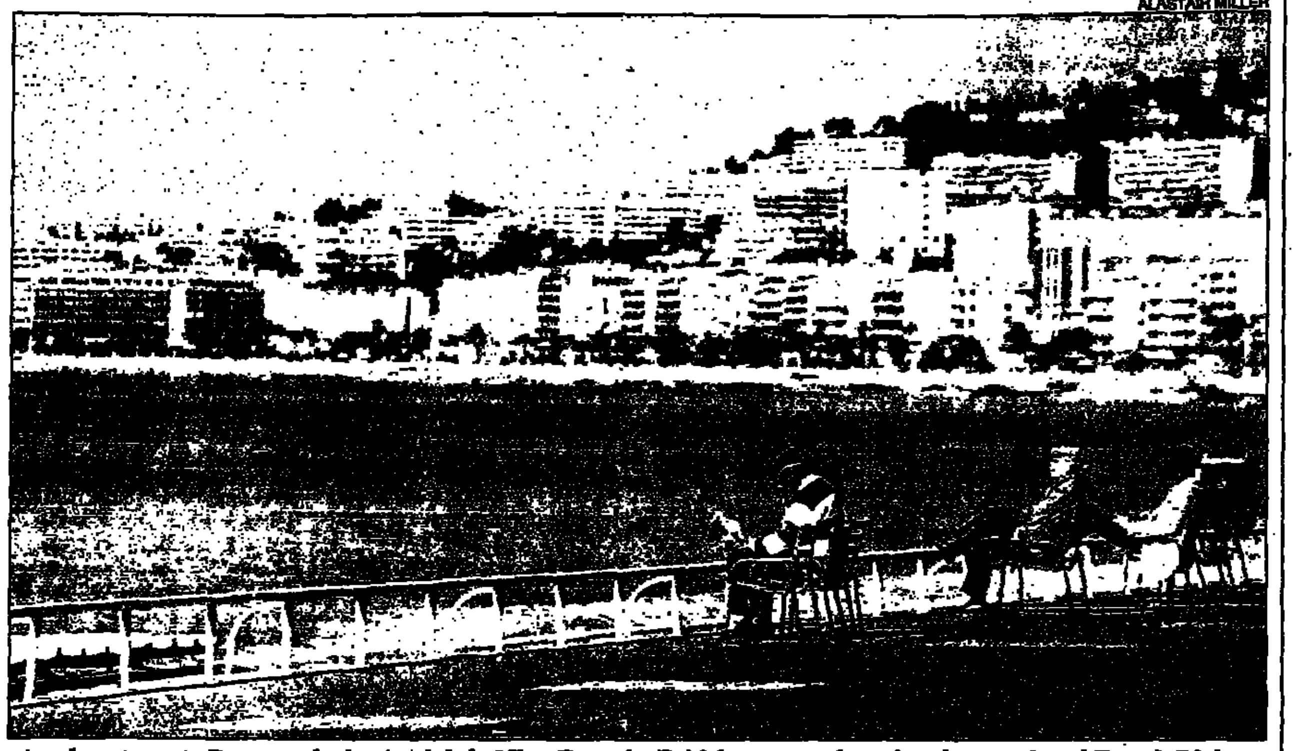
Its programme included the Cap Esterel complex, five miles from St Raphael and the largest of its type with 1,400 apartments. The complex boasts a nine-hole golf course, tennis, five pools, archery, mountain-biking, trekking and volleyball, with the beach a mile away, and was featured on television travel programmes earlier this year.

Stena Line, the ferry company which moved into air-based holidays this year, had taken seats on the Britannia charters operated by Thomson, but one executive said: "It is hard to put across the message about what type of holiday this is."

The decline in the Riviera's popularity is emphasised by a proliferation in bargain flights from Britain to Nice, once a premium route on which few discounts were available. Easyjet has introduced a £49.99 one-way fare from Luton to Nice and AirUK is offering a June deal of £97 for a restricted return ticket to Nice from Stansted.

The drop in visitors has disturbed tourism officials who have seen numbers fall from 8.5 million in 1985 to 7.8 million last year, despite predictions that the ten million mark would be passed before the end of the century. At the same time, the number of French holidaymakers to the less crowded and cheaper Atlantic coast resorts has risen by 10 per cent in ten years.

Studies commissioned by the local hotels syndicate have identified visitors' dissatisfaction with high pollution, endless traffic jams and overbuilding. Some complained of high prices and surliness in shops and restaurants. Local officials insist their efforts to clean beaches and tackle environmental problems have not received the credit they deserve. They are now backing a regeneration plan to include a public parks programme and a publicity campaign for the region's 30 museums.


ALASTAIR MILLER

An almost empty Promenade des Anglais in Nice. Even the British are now deserting the once-loved French Riviera

# Airlines told to cut fares

BY STEVE KEENAN

AIRLINES, including British Airways, could face legal action to force them to reduce some European air fares.

Neil Kinnock, the European Union Transport Commissioner, is to publish a report in July which is expected to threaten action against carriers which dominate a particular route and tacitly agree to keep fares high.

A number of low-cost airlines are planning to start up in competition with the major carriers on heavily used routes, when a total open skies policy comes into force in April 1997. Fares are then expected to fall. But Philip Lowe, a senior aide to Mr Kinnock, said that where two airlines share a route, there has so far been "total inertia" in bringing down fares.

The report is expected to recommend that an investigation should be launched by the EU's competition secretariat later this year. "It is something that is going to be addressed and we may call for specific action from our competition colleagues on abuses in certain places on certain fares," said Mr Lowe.

According to an American Express survey, the most expensive route in Europe is Geneva-Brussels, with business-class tickets costing £622 return.

The two airlines that serve the route are Sabena and Swissair, which recently marked the first anniversary of a marketing partnership.

On a cost-per-mile basis, the London-Istanbul route, which is operated only by British Airways and Turkish Airlines, is among the most expensive, at £608 return for a fully flexible economy ticket.

British Midland will also unveil a report next month which highlights fares on "duopoly" routes such as Heathrow-Rome — shared by BA and Alitalia — where the lowest return fares are £406 business class and £160 economy.

On the London-Geneva route, the lowest quoted fare from Swissair or BA at present is £386 business class and £99 economy. But on London-Zurich, a slightly longer journey where BM now competes, fares have fallen to £286 and £89 respectively.

# Councils put stop to signs

TOURISTS are being prevented from finding their hotels or campsites because local councillors are refusing to allow new directional signs, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Legislation introduced at the beginning of the year means that hotels, restaurants and other forms of accommodation can erect specially designed brown-on-white signs for foreign and British visitors.

But a survey of members of the British Hospitality Association shows that although hundreds of members have applied for permission to erect the signs, hardly any have been given the go-ahead.

"The situation is so serious that we are taking it up at the highest level," says Jeremy Logie, chief executive of the BHA. "In some cases, the refusals are due to the delay by the local Highways Authority in formulating its policy under the new regulations. In others, it appears, there is intransigent opposition at local level to any relaxation of the regulations."

The survey shows that of the applications made so far, almost half are still being processed, a third have been rejected out of hand and the remainder appear to have ground to a halt.

Tourists on the Continent are guided to local hotels and restaurants by a series of clear directional signs. But in Britain only major tourist attractions with more than 150,000 visitors a year were allowed to use them. Temporary signs put up by the AA or newly opened hotels have to be taken down after at most six weeks.

The Government agreed that the new signs could be used from April this year.

"It was a way of saying that the needs of visitors should be central to local authorities' formulation of policy," says Mr Logie. "But they are as intransigent as ever.

"One member complained that he was told there were 'too many hotels to signpost'."

## TRAVEL NOTES

# God save our gracious bobbies

FOREIGN visitors now regard London's beat policemen, rather than the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family, as the true symbols of the capital, according to a new survey.

Some 36 per cent of the 1,000 foreign tourists questioned in London for the credit card company Visa said that the helmeted "bobby" symbolised London, while only 29 per cent automatically mentioned the Queen, 15 per cent said the Princess of Wales and 12 per cent "the typical pin-stripe suited English gent".

The Royal Family rates only slightly ahead of working as an au pair and just behind learning English as the main reason for coming to London — and even Covent Garden is ahead of Buckingham Palace as the favourite spot to visit.

The Royal Family was named by only 1.4 per cent of those questioned as the reason for their trip.

## Name game

NOVEL and eye-catching company names have started to proliferate throughout the travel industry — all legally registered to prevent anyone from copying them.

Flying Colours is a new charter airline that will operate a fleet of four Boeing 757 twin jets to carry Club 18-30 and Sunset Holiday passengers to resorts in the Mediterranean and America.

The entrepreneur Franco Mancassola has formally registered his new airline — Debonair. He plans to fly British Aerospace 146 four-engined jets, the first of which is already registered in the airline's name, on scheduled services from Luton to the main cities in Europe.

Finally, Sandals Resorts has formally registered the name Weddingmoon as a trademark with which to market itself to the growing number of couples who combine a wedding ceremony with a honeymoon at its resorts.

## Czech-in

PRAGUE, Venice, Budapest and Rome have all moved up the "Top Cities" league table of favourite short-break destinations, says Crystal Cities.

Paris, Amsterdam and Dublin remain firmly in the top three places in the table but the latest news is that Prague has jumped to fourth spot, ousting New York which has dropped to eighth.

## True blue

EURO-SCEPTICS who hate having to show the new burgundy-coloured Euro/British passport can now buy a separate cover which looks, at first glance, almost like the blue-and-gold cover of the old document. All perfectly legal, apparently, and costing £5.50 or £6.50 from Opal Options (0118-958 8111).

## Big problem

THE benefits from the use of much larger passenger aircraft may not be as great as were first thought, according to the Airports Council International. The jets, capable of carrying more than 600 people, will have to be separated further from each other on take-off and landing, taxiways will have to be widened and departure lounges extended at an average cost of about £70 million per international airport.

## Vacuum healer

A VACUUM mini-pump which was developed to enable the French armed special forces and the aid agency Médecins sans Frontières to remove insect stings or snake venom is now being offered to British holidaymakers.

Aspivenin, the manufacturers, says it will be of particular help to people who are especially allergic to stings. Aspivenin costs £12.49 from larger Boots stores.

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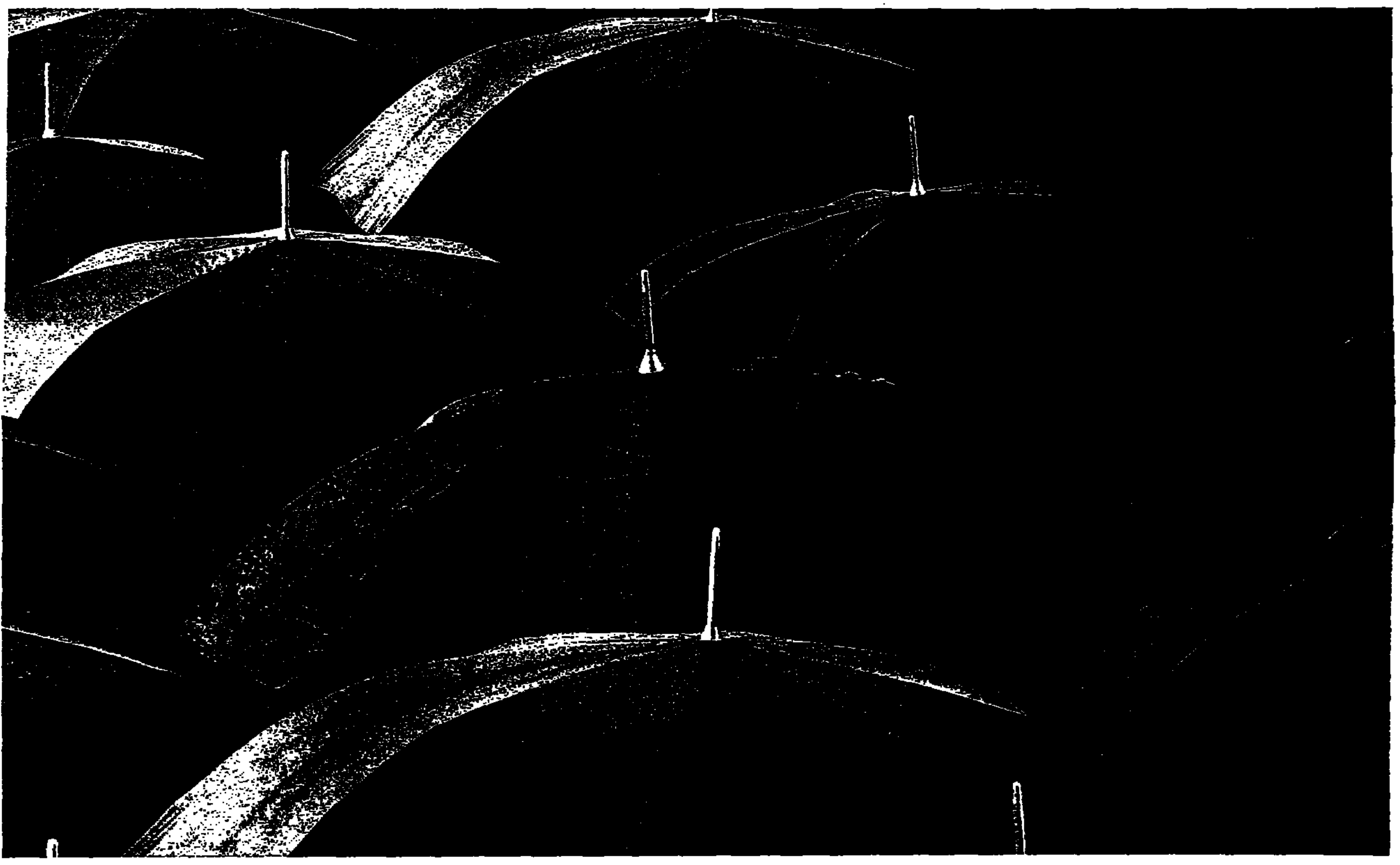

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House of Lords

# Bank entitled only to simple interest

**Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale v Islington London Borough Council**

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Woolf and Lord Lloyd of Berwick

[Speeches May 22]

*Where an interest rate swap agreement between the defendant council and the plaintiff bank had been held void as being beyond the council's powers, and the bank had recovered the balance of the sum due, it was entitled only to simple interest on that sum from the date of accrual of its cause of action and not compound interest.*

The House of Lords (Lord Goff and Lord Woolf dissenting), departing from *Sinclair v Brougham* ([1914] AC 398), allowed an appeal by Islington London Borough Council from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Kennedy) (*The Times* December 30, 1993; [1994] 1 WLR 938), which had dismissed an appeal by the council from Mr Justice Hobhouse (*The Times* February 23, 1993; (1993) 91 LGR 323), who had awarded Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale compound interest.

The Court of Appeal also allowed a cross-appeal by the bank from the judge's decision that the interest should run from April 1, 1990 and had held that it should run from the date of accrual of the cause of action.

Mr Trevor Philipson, QC and Mr Brian Doctor for the council; Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and Mr George Leggatt for the bank.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON said that in the last decade many local authorities had entered into interest rate swap agreements with banks and other finance houses.

Such an agreement was one by which each party agreed to pay the other on a specified date or dates an amount calculated by reference to the interest that would have accrued over a given period on a notional principal sum.

The rate of interest payable by each party was different: one was usually fixed and the other was a variable or floating rate based on a fluctuating rate such as the six-month London Inter-bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). Normally, the parties did not make the actual payments they had contracted for; the party owing the higher amount paid the difference to the other.

The arrangement between the council and the bank, concluded on June 16, 1987, was to run for 10 years from June 18. The interest sums were to be calculated on a notional principal sum of £25 million and to be payable half-yearly. The bank was to be the fixed rate payer at 7.5 per cent per annum and the council was to be the floating rate payer at the domestic sterling LIBOR rate.

In addition, the bank was to pay the council on June 18, 1987 a sum of £2.5 million which payment had been made. As a result of the provision of that upfront payment the interest rate payable by the bank was lower than the 9.43 per cent that would otherwise have been appropriate.

Payments had been made by the council under the agreement as a result of which that made by the bank to the council (£2.5 million) exceeded those made by the council to the bank by £1,145,525.93.

It was of central importance to note the way in which the council had dealt with the upfront payment. It had been credited to a bank account of the council in which there were other moneys of the council, that was, into a mixed account.

That account had become overdrawn overnight on several dates in June and July 1987. There was an overall debit balance on it on November 16. The moneys in the mixed account had been used by the council for its general expenditure.

If the upfront payment had not been received, the council would have had to borrow more money if it could. It had been, and was likely to be in the future, rate-capped, and one of the attractions to it in the swap agreement had been that it obtained the upfront payment in a form that did not attract statutory controls.

On November 1, 1989 the Queen's Bench Divisional Court in *Hazell v Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council* ([1990] 2 QB 697) had given judgment declaring void swap transactions entered into by local authorities. The House of Lords ([1992] 2 AC 1) had held that such contracts were ultra vires local authorities and therefore void.

The Court of Appeal had held that the bank was entitled to recover the balance of £1,145,525.93 at law as money had and received. It had also held that it was entitled to recover it in equity on the ground that the council held the upfront payment on a resulting trust and was therefore personally liable as a trustee.

It had further held the council liable to pay compound interest on the balance from time to time outstanding as from the date of receipt of the upfront payment.

The ability of the court to award compound, as opposed to simple, interest had been founded on the equitable jurisdiction to award compound interest as against a trustee or other person owing fiduciary duties who was personally accountable and had made use of the plaintiff's moneys. The council now accepted that it was personally liable to repay the balance to the bank.

It was common ground that in the absence of agreement or custom the court had no jurisdiction to award compound interest either at law or under section 35A of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as inserted by the Administration of Justice Act 1982. In the absence of fraud, courts of equity had never awarded compound interest except against a trustee or other person owing fiduciary duties who was accountable for profits made from his position.

Unless the council had owed fiduciary duties to the bank in relation to the upfront payment, compound interest could not be awarded.

Did the recipient of money under a contract subsequently found to be void for mistake or as being ultra vires hold it on trust even where he had had no knowledge at any relevant time that the contract was void?

It was not possible to hold the council personally liable as a trustee without imposing a trust that would, in other cases, create property rights affecting third parties. The creation of an equitable proprietary interest in moneys received under a void contract was capable of having adverse effects not confined to insolvency: it would be enforceable against any recipient of the property other than the purchaser for value of a legal interest without notice.

If the bank's arguments were correct, a businessman who entered into transactions relating to or dependent on property rights could find that assets that apparently belonged to one person in fact belonged to another; that there were "off-balance sheet" liabilities of which he could not be aware; that those rights and liabilities arose from circumstances unknown not only to himself but also to anyone else who had been involved in the transactions. A new area of unmanageable risk would be introduced into commercial dealings.

In his Lordship's view, however, the resulting trust for which the bank contended was inconsistent not only with the law as it stood but with any principled development of it. Applying conventional principles of resulting trust, the bank's claim must fail.

*Sinclair v Brougham* was a bewildering authority: no single ratio decidendi could be detected; all the reasoning was open to serious objection; it had only been intended to deal with cases where there were no trade creditors in competition; and the reasoning ws incapable of application where there were such creditors.

The House of Lords should now unequivocally and finally reject the concept that the claim for moneys had and received was based on an implied contract. His Lordship would overrule *Sinclair v Brougham* on that point.

The decision as to rights in rem in it should also be overruled, although their Lordships should not be taken to be casting any doubt on the principles of tracing as established in *In re Diplock; Diplock v Wintle* ([1948] Ch 465).

Lord Goff and Lord Woolf considered that compound interest should be awarded on the ground that equity could act in aid of the common law. His Lordship fully appreciated the strength of the bank's moral claim to receive full restitution, including compound interest, but it would not be right to develop the law as proposed.

Parliament had twice since 1934 considered what interest should be awarded on common law claims. Both section 3(1) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934 and its successor, section 35A of the 1981 Act, made it clear that the award of compound interest was not authorised.

The House of Lords would be usurping the function of Parliament if, by expanding the equitable rules, it were to hold that the court exercising its equitable jurisdiction in aid of the common law could award compound interest.

LORD GOFF, dissenting, said that the problem that had arisen in *Sinclair v Brougham*, that a personal remedy in restitution was excluded on the ground of public policy, did not arise in the present case.

The decision in *Sinclair v Brougham* had been a response to that problem in the case of ultra vires borrowing contracts, with which the present case was not concerned, and not intended to create a principle of general application.

It followed that *Sinclair v Brougham* was not relevant to the present decision. In particular, it could not be relied on as a precedent that a trust arose. There was no basis for imposing a resulting trust in the present case and his Lordship therefore rejected the bank's submission that it had been entitled to proceed by way of an equitable proprietary claim.

The central question was whether there was jurisdiction in equity to award compound interest. If the equitable jurisdiction did not extend to apply in a case such as the present, English law would be revealed as incapable of doing full justice.

The reasoning that would restrict the equitable jurisdiction to award compound interest to cases where the claim was proprietary in nature (see *Kleinwort Benson Ltd v South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council* ([1994] 4 All ER 972)) was technical and unrealistic. There was jurisdiction in equity to award compound interest in the case also of personal claims.

Could that jurisdiction be exercised in aid of common law remedies such as, for example, a personal remedy in restitution, to repair the deficiencies of the common law?

The situation was no different from that in which, in the absence of jurisdiction at common law to order discovery, equity had stepped in to enable justice to be done in common law actions by ordering the defendant to make discovery on oath.

His Lordship could see no reason why the equitable jurisdiction to award compound interest should not be exercised in a case such as the present.

He did not consider that the statutory power to award interest inhibited that course of action. It was true that section 3(1) of the 1934 Act had not authorised the giving of interest upon interest, but his Lordship could not see that it would be inconsistent with the intention then expressed by Parliament later to extend the existing equitable jurisdiction to award compound interest to enable courts to ensure that full restitution was achieved in personal actions of restitution at common law.

He was satisfied, for the reasons given by the judge, that it was a case in which it was appropriate that compound interest should be awarded.

Lord Slynn and Lord Lloyd delivered opinions agreeing with Lord Browne-Wilkinson that the appeal should be allowed.

Lord Woolf delivered an opinion concuring with Lord Goff.

Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson; Travers Smith Braithwaite.

Court of Appeal

# Justification defence not available

**Stern v Piper and Others**

*Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Sir Ralph Gibson*

[Judgment May 21]

*A defence of justification was not available in an action for defamation where the alleged defamation consisted in publishing extracts from an affirmation in a pending lawsuit.*

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, William George Stern, against the refusal by Mr Justice Drake on March 15, 1995, of an application to strike out part of the defence of Allan Piper, Clive Wolman and Associated Newspapers Ltd in an action for libel.

Mr James Price, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr David Eady, QC and Mr Manuel Barca for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said *The Mail on Sunday* had published on January 9, 1994 an article concerning the plaintiff, who had been declared bankrupt in 1978 and discharged in 1985.

The article was headed "Stern falls into an old trap with a '£3m debt'" and asserted that the plaintiff had "allegedly failed to honour debts of more than £3m". It referred to a pending High Court action against the plaintiff and companies with which he was associated and quoted a number of allegations made in an affirmation sworn by Seymour Gordon, a senior partner in the London firm Lipkin Gorman.

The plaintiff had brought proceedings against Mr Piper, the city editor of *The Mail on Sunday*, Mr Wolman, the editor and Associated Newspapers, the proprietor.

The defendants pleaded justification on the footing that the words were substantially true if and in so far as they meant that the plaintiff was once again in financial trouble, and in that he was involved in High Court proceedings in which he was accused of the matters averred in the affirmation.

Mr Justice Drake had refused to order that the plea of justification be struck out as disclosing no reasonable defence and being vexatious and an abuse of the court.

His Lordship reviewed the history of the well established repetition rule that: "It is no defence to an action for defamation for the defendant to prove that he was merely repeating what he has been told": *Duncan and Neill on Defamation* (2nd edition (1983) paragraph 11.16).

The rule had been given unqualified endorsement as settled law by the Privy Council in *Truth (NZ) Ltd v Phillip Holloway* ([1960] 1 WLR 997) and had been approved by the House of Lords in *Lewis v Daily Telegraph Ltd* ([1964] AC 234).

The present case was concerned with a report of statements in an affirmation, which palpably fell directly within the rule, since it was essentially hearsay.

Mr Eady had relied on decisions of the Court of Appeal in *Cadam v Beaverbrook Newspapers Ltd* ([1959] 1 QB 413) and *Waters v Sunday Pictorial Newspapers Ltd* ([1961] 1 WLR 967).

The former case created no difficulty. His Lordship thought it acceptable that a statement that a writ or equivalent civil proceeding had been issued, or for that matter an indictment or similar criminal proceeding had been laid, might be capable of conveying no more than the fact that the relevant proceedings had in fact been launched; moreover, and more important, there was no hearsay problem.

The *Waters* case presented more difficulty and could only be explained on the basis that the statements reported were judicial pronouncements made in open court, and therefore fell into a special category.

For his part, his Lordship regarded *Waters* as on the outer fringes of that class of case and considered it should not be followed save on similar facts.

His Lordship fully accepted Mr Eady's submission that the defence of justification might be maintainable where a defence of privilege would fail.

But it was significant that privilege only protected reports of proceedings in open court, and that its foundation was that those proceedings took place in public, so that the public in general should have access to fair and accurate reports thereof, for reasons of public policy.

If reports of affidavits, or other court documents not produced in open court were to have the protection of privilege extended to them, it could only be done by statute. In the unlikely event of such a reform, it was unthinkable that considerations of accuracy and fairness would not require both sides' allegations to be reported, and not, as here, only one side's.

The one-sidedness of the present publication vindicated the justice of applying the repetition rule. His Lordship did not accept that to do that would have a dire effect on freedom of the press.

The media would be free to report the issue of proceedings in both civil and criminal cases and would have the full protection of privilege for fair and accurate reports of all proceedings in open court, giving ample scope for keeping the public properly informed.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said the repetition rule was specifically designed to prevent a jury from deciding that a particular class of publication, a publication conveying rumour, hearsay, allegation or repetition, was true or alternatively bore a lesser defamatory meaning than would attach to the original allegation. By definition, but for the rule, those findings would otherwise be open to the jury on the facts: why else the need for a rule of law in the first place?

Mr Eady argued that the rule had no application to "second order" allegations, the reporting of allegations made in particular in the context of the administration of justice.

However, in that very context, the strict operation of the rule was tempered both by privilege and by such decisions as *Cadam v Beaverbrook Newspapers*.

Absolute privilege attached to all the various documents, pleadings, affidavits, statements and the like, brought into being for legal proceedings when being used for that purpose and to fair and accurate contemporaneous reports by newspapers of proceedings in open court.

Qualified privilege attached to such reports of proceedings in open court as were not contemporaneous or published by newspapers. Those were actionable on proof of malice.

There were occasions when a defence of justification might be maintainable when the defence of privilege would fail. But that did nothing to diminish the force of Mr Price's argument that, if the repetition rule could be avoided in a case like the present, then much of the law of privilege was otiose.

The very existence of the law of privilege surely postulated that otherwise such reports would fall foul of the repetition rule. *Cadam v Beaverbrook Newspapers* and *Waters v Sunday Pictorial Newspapers* should be regarded as exceptions to the repetition rule.

They struck an acceptable balance between the public interest in freedom of speech, the right to disseminate and receive information, and the public interest in protecting people's reputations.

Solicitors: Manches & Co; Mishcon de Reya.

# Whether alternative forum available to litigant

**Mohammed v Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East KSC**

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment May 21]

*In a defendant's application to stay proceedings on the ground of forum non conveniens, the question whether substantial justice was likely to be achieved by trial in a different jurisdiction was relevant to the issue whether an alternative forum was available to the plaintiff.*

*The evidence on which the application was based should be directed to the situation at the date the application was made. When the defendant disputed the court's jurisdiction in the proceedings and sought, for example, to set aside the writ or service of the writ or the discharge of an order giving leave to serve or extending the validity of the writ, the relevant date was when the event in question took place.*

*The court should also have regard to the situation at the date of the hearing, if only to avoid the absurdity of ordering a stay which was patently unjust through change of circumstances.*

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Ahmed Faraj Mohammed, against a decision of Mr J. E. Mitting, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on May 3, 1995, granting the defendant, the Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East KSC, a stay of the plaintiff's action for payments due under his contract of employment.

Mr Stephen Nathan, QC, for the plaintiff; Miss Monica Carss-Frisk for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said the plaintiff was an Iraqi citizen employed by the defendants in Kuwait from 1982 to 1991. He remained in Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation from August 1990 until January 1991, when he returned to Iraq on leave. He was in still in Iraq when the allies invaded Kuwait on February 26, 1991.

The plaintiff had never returned to Kuwait because Kuwait had banned Iraqi nationals and because the Iraqi government forbade its nationals to leave Iraq without permission. He had come to London as part of an officially authorised delegation in July 1992, and had then instructed solicitors.

A writ was issued on September 24, 1992 and a statement of claim on February 12, 1993. The defendants had objected to jurisdiction. On August 3, 1994 the master had dismissed their application for a stay but on appeal the judge had granted the stay, on the basis that the dispute should be decided by the Kuwaiti courts.

The judge had held that at the date of the hearing before him Kuwait was an alternative forum available to the plaintiff, though it had not been so available at the time of issue of the writ and possibly not when the application was made in February 1993. The judge had held he should be concerned solely with the position at the time of the hearing.

He had found that the plaintiff's objections were not made out. Those were that he had difficulty instructing Kuwaiti lawyers, he could not himself attend a hearing in Kuwait and he feared that his claim would not be fairly dealt with by a Kuwaiti court.

Mr Nathan maintained the judge had misdirected himself. He had been wrong to have regard solely to the situation at the time of the hearing, had asked himself the wrong question about specific matters, namely whether any of them raised insurmountable barriers.

Miss Carss-Frisk maintained that the decision process fell into two stages: *Spiliada Maritime Corporation v Cansulex Ltd* ([1987] AC 460). The first stage required the defendant to prove that Kuwait was or had been an alternative jurisdiction which was available to the plaintiff, meaning "available as of right". No question of justice or substantial justice arose at that stage.

The second stage required the plaintiff to raise and prove specific disadvantages of having the case heard in the alternative jurisdiction. It was only at that stage, Miss Carss-Frisk submitted, that notions of justice arose. The important distinction was that the plaintiff bore the burden of proof.

In his Lordship's view the judge was correct to define "available" as meaning "available in practice to this plaintiff to have his dispute resolved". The question whether substantial justice was likely to be achieved was relevant to that issue.

Although the shifting balance of probabilities meant that individual factual issues had to be identified, if the evidence on those issues was equally balanced, or if there was no evidence overall, the defendant had to satisfy the court that there was an alternative foreign forum available to the plaintiff, and more appropriate for the fair resolution of the dispute.

If the plaintiff asserted that even so there was some additional reason why in the interests of justice and between the parties the action should nevertheless proceed in England, then the relevant facts were for the plaintiff to prove and the court's discretion had to be exercised in the light of the facts so found.

The second main issue of law was whether the judge was correct to have regard solely to the situation as it was shown to be at the date of the hearing before him.

The defendant's application had been properly made under Order 12, rule 8(1)(h) of the Rules of the Supreme Court and simultaneously under the inherent jurisdiction of the court. A stay was different from an order setting aside the writ or service for all time, subject to appeal. The court in its discretion could always lift the stay, if suitable grounds were shown.

The question was whether the affidavit evidence in support of the application justified making the order applied for. The evidence had to be directed to the situation when the application was made.

When the defendant disputed the court's jurisdiction in the proceedings and sought, for example, to set aside the writ or service of the writ or the discharge of an order giving leave to serve or extending the validity of the writ, the relevant date was when the event in question took place.

Where a stay was applied for, the court should also have regard to the situation at the date of the hearing, if only to avoid the absurdity of ordering a stay which was patently unjust through change of circumstances.

If the circumstances had changed in favour of the defendant, it was not a ground for holding that the original application should have been granted, but it could found an application to lift the stay, although only in extreme circumstances, where a fresh application would succeed out of time. The position in that regard was the same under Order 12, rule 8 and under the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

Contrary to the judge's findings, Kuwait had not been shown to be available to the plaintiff in a practical sense as an alternative forum for the resolution of the dispute.

Solicitors: Landau & Scanlan; Denton Hall.

# Evidence of breath test insufficient for driver's conviction

**Evans v Director of Public Prosecutions**

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Newman

[Judgment May 9]

*Where a defendant was charged with driving with excess alcohol in his urine, evidence of alcohol in his breath specimen was not sufficiently relevant or probative of the offence as charged.*

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal brought by Cyril Evans by way of case stated from the dismissal of his appeal by Welshpool Crown Court (Judge R. D. G. David, QC and justices) from his conviction by Newtown Justices of driving with excess alcohol in his urine contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Miss Gaynor Lloyd for Mr Evans; Mr Nicholas Mason for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE NEWMAN said that Mr Evans had provided two specimens of breath at the police station on a Lion Intoximeter 3000 device which gave disparate readings.

The police officer concluded that the specimens were unreliable and requested an alternative specimen. A urine specimen was provided which showed 200 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

At the hearing, in answer to the defendant's submission that the urine sample was unlawfully taken, the prosecution had relied on the fact that the machine was deemed unreliable in order to lay the ground for the admissibility of the urine specimen taken.

In the event, the crown court found that the Intoximeter was operating properly, therefore the officer was wrong to ask for an alternative specimen.

The crown court could not take into account the unlawfully taken urine sample. The crown court, however, concluded that it could look at the breath specimens taken and convicted on that evidence.

His Lordship said that what happened demonstrated the confusion that could arise when particular procedural requirements had to be satisfied before the prosecution could be founded.

It followed that where a defendant was charged with driving with the proportion of alcohol in his urine exceeding the prescribed limit, it was necessary for the prosecution to have evidence which was probative and relevant.

Once the crown court concluded that such evidence was unlawfully obtained it was left with the breath specimens which were not sufficiently relevant or probative of the offence as charged.

The appeal would be allowed.

*Lord Justice Pill agreed.*

Solicitors: Whitehouse Gibson & Alton; Crown Prosecution Service, Wrexham.

# Cohabiting counsel should avoid same criminal trials

**Regina v Batt**

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Nelson and Judge Capstick, QC

[Judgment May 17]

*It was generally undesirable for husband and wife, or other partners living together, to appear as counsel on opposite sides in the same criminal matter since it might give rise to an apprehension that the proper conduct of the case had been in some way affected by that personal relationship.*

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in dismissing an appeal by Peter James Gilbert Batt against his conviction in May 1995 at Bristol Crown Court (Mr Recorder Robin A. Miller and a jury) of burglary for which he was sentenced to 80 hours community service.

Mr Robert Duval, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr P. D. C. Warren for the Crown; neither counsel appeared below.

MR JUSTICE NELSON, giving the judgment of the court, said that on the second day of the trial, counsel for the prosecution was replaced by counsel who cohabited with defence counsel. The appellant was told of the situation and agreed to sign a note enabling his counsel to continue to represent him and allowing the trial to proceed.

It was contended on appeal that one counsel should have withdrawn from the case and that, before he signed an agreement to his counsel continuing, the appellant should have (i) been given more time to consider the situation, (ii) the matter should have been referred to the recorder who should have considered it in open court, and (iii) the appellant should have received independent advice.

Their Lordships did not accept those propositions. It was a simple decision for the appellant to make, upon which he had a very clear view, the judge could have agreed to adjourn the matter but beyond that he had no power and was in no position to advise and independent advice was not relevant to such a simple issue.

If the appellant was left with a sense of grievance, their Lordships did not think he could justifiably complain that he was not told all the facts. There was no material irregularity in the particular case.

However, it was generally undesirable for husband and wife, or other partners living together, to appear as counsel on opposite sides in the same criminal matter for that might give rise to an apprehension that the proper conduct of the case had in some way been affected by that personal relationship.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Avon.

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■ FILM 1

A Midwest kidnap tale treated with mordant humour, *Fargo* is the Coen brothers' best movie yet

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A script from Tarantino, and gore by the bucket, but *From Dusk Till Dawn* proves to be immature mayhem

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■ FILM 3

Bohemian Paris in the 1940s is evoked in the stylish *My Life and Times with Antonin Artaud*

■ FILM 4

Robert Lepage dips into his own past for the plot of his first movie, *The Confessional*

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** reviews 'the best American film of the year so far', the Cannes award-winning thriller, *Fargo*

# Coen brothers come close to great outdoors

"Mistress of the deadpan remark or the seemingly innocent question": Frances McDormand as the police chief investigating her first homicide in *Fargo*

**Fargo**
Warner West End
18, 97 mins
*The Coen brothers strike cinematic gold in the Midwest*

**From Dusk Till Dawn**
Odeon West End
18, 107 mins
*Juvenile romp with cult credentials*

**My Life and Times with Antonin Artaud**
ICA Cinema, 90 mins
*Poets, drugs and Left Bank cafés*

As the film begins, a dense, all-white screen is slowly transformed into snow particles falling heavily. Suddenly a car breaks through the fuzz, crossing the flat terrain. A signpost identifies the locale, on the border of Minnesota and North Dakota. Previous Coen brothers films such as *The Hudsucker Proxy* give the sense of being hand-tooled in a studio light years away from ordinary life; but, right from the beginning, the magnificent **Fargo** has that beauty and urgency that can only come from exposure to the real world.

Joel and Ethan Coen know this world, too. They grew up in suburban Minneapolis. They know the Midwest winters. They know the state's Scandinavian stock, the peculiar speech inflexions, the laconic tone, the ability of men to stand still, immersed in parkas, talking politely about nothing. "Okey-dokey, thanks a bunch!" says Frances McDormand's heavily pregnant police chief, investigating her first homicide. "Oh geez!" cries the lined, rubber face of William H. Macy, the hapless car salesman whose bizarre plan to wipe out his debts sets the plot in motion. And almost everyone says "Yah" rather than "Yes". This is not mocking caricature; this is affectionate comedy.

No previous film from the Coen brothers has contained such human characters, or shown such moral concern over acts of violence. The themes that *Fargo* touches on — greed, duplicity, the bizarre workings of fate — can be traced back to the team's first feature, *Blood Simple*. But now the masters of genre pastiche have more than puppets to deal with and, as Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare's blundering thugs leave a trail of blood smeared across the snow, we feel both the pain and the dark hilarity of a kidnapping wheeze gone horribly wrong.

"It's real sound, it's all worked out," Macy tells his hired accomplices. Arranging for his own wife's kidnapping in order to extract a fat ransom from her wealthy father can scarcely be called "real sound"; and much of the film's pleasure lies in watching Macy's small-town jerk struggling ahead with his scheme even when it collapses underneath him. It is a wonderful comic performance from an actor most familiar from David Mamet movies.

The heart of the film, though, lies with McDormand (off-screen, she is Joel Coen's wife). Her police chief Marge Gunderson emerges from a domestic cocoon to face the snow, the blood and the heinous crimes; and the contentment with which she faces life helps to put the characters' nastier activities in perspective. Slow but shrewd, she waddles deliciously through the clues, mistress of the deadpan remark or the seemingly innocent question.

Joel Coen, who won the Cannes Film Festival's Best Director award, shows masterful control over the images, and encourages British cinematographer Roger Deakins to find eerie beauty even in a snow-capped parking lot, criss-crossed by shadows from the wintry sun.

The opening title pronounces bluntly that "This is a true story" and identifies the year, 1987, when the events occurred. But no film could be further from the shallow realism of most movie dramas ripped from life. In the Coens' deft hands, we stare at the world and its people afresh. Warm, dark, grotesque and beautiful all at once, this is the year's best American movie to date.

Where *Fargo* is perfectly poised, **From Dusk Till Dawn** is pure hurly-burly, hurled at the screen by two cult talents, Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, determined to have fun. Tarantino's script was originally written in 1990 for a special effects company which wanted to showcase goo and gore. So Tarantino gathered his characters — two gangster brothers and a preacher's family, taken hostage — and sent them off for a rendezvous at a sleazy Mexican bar. This turned out to be a vampire hang-out. Necks got bitten, heads cut off. Glop oozed everywhere.

The script lay idle until Tarantino zoomed into the stratosphere. Then the project was reactivated and assigned to another fashionable director, Rodriguez. Tarantino rewrote his juvenilia, and stayed to act: that's him behind the glasses, the more psychotic of the Gecko brothers, the one who casually kills anyone in the way as they escape from their latest bank robbery. The other brother is George Clooney, the luminary from the TV series *ER* making a forceful bid for big screen stardom.

Obviously, this is not the work of mature artists. Tarantino and Rodriguez spatter childish jokes over the screen, gleefully ransack old movies, and switch genres at the drop of a hat, from road-movie thriller to vampire gore feast. Other big names roped into the romp include Harvey Keitel, uneasily cast as the preacher uncertain of his faith, and Juliette Lewis, the daughter on the receiving end of Tarantino's lust.

There is no finesse anywhere, and the makers' enthusiasm for expending their talents on blatant trash will not be appreciated by all. You either give in to the outrageous, disreputable and lengthy mayhem, or you head for the exit.

If you were hosting an elegant dinner party, it would be best not to invite Antonin Artaud, poet, actor, theoretician and promoter of a Theatre of Cruelty. History suggests this; so does the absorbing French film **My Life and Times with Antonin Artaud**. At one point he says: "I'll take a knife and hammer and attack people. All I want is opium and grub." He means it, too.

But if Artaud would not make the best dinner guest, he makes a fascinating subject for a movie. Gérard Mordillat's film, attractively shot in crisp black and white and set in the mid-1940s, deals with the last months of the man's life. Released after nine years in a mental asylum, he haunts the Paris cafés in beret and scarf, returning at night to a nursing home.

A young, ambitious poet, Jacques Prevel, becomes his acolyte. "All the opium in Paris must be at Artaud's disposal," Artaud grandly declares, "so he can finish his work." Prevel obliges, rounding up drugs from the capital's chemists. In place of a plot, the film sends these friends walking and talking, sometimes yelling, all over Paris, before cancer and drugs carry off Artaud in 1948. By that time Prevel is not the picture of health himself.

Mordillat has something of an Artaud obsession: besides this film, made in 1993, he has completed two documentaries on Artaud and his companion. Not that he showers us with facts: the strength of Sami Frey's riveting central performance is quite enough to pull us inside Artaud's soul.

The visuals have their own power. True, detail may not always be exact: these post-war bohemians travel on the Métro in modern trains. But Mordillat catches the smoky ambience of café life, the air thick with the fumes of idling intellects; and Marc Barbé's face has the right period cut as Prevel.

## 'A mediocre TV film at best'

*Every week, young film fans discuss the new releases . . .*

SNAP VERDICT

***FARGO***
**Kerry Henderson, 18:** Occasionally funny but slow-moving and hard to get into. A real letdown.
**David Whippe, 22:** Too slow and surprisingly lacking in the depths you would expect from the Coen brothers. Billed as a "real life" movie, it achieves its objective but fails to interest.
**Rebecca Richards, 20:** Realistic and well-acted drama, although the unusual events in the plot failed to evoke emotion. Generally enjoyable.
**Tom Smith, 19:** An appallingly slow movie with no twists, plot, content or interest. This would be a mediocre TV movie at best.

***FROM DUSK TILL DAWN***
**Kerry:** Fantastic. A fast-moving thriller which suddenly becomes a vampire movie with attitude. It's cool and it's just got to be seen.
**David:** *Reservoir Dogs* meets *Lost Boys* meets *The A-Team.* Classic movie with an incredible twist halfway through.
**Rebecca:** An enjoyable action-packed beginning that deteriorates into an unreal fantasy with mindless violence. Not really my type of film, but would appeal to those who love blood and gore.
**Tom:** This film has an unbelievable kick. What has become Tarantino's genre is merged with comic surrealism. This makes for a rollercoster of style and humour. Brilliant.

***MY LIFE AND TIMES WITH ANTONIN ARTAUD***
**Kerry:** French films are either very funny or very painful. Unfortunately this particular one falls into the latter category. Strictly for aspiring intellectuals only.
**David:** This is the story of a young playwright's reduction into a drug-induced misery through his association with a tortured genius. Unfortunately, the only misery induced in this film is incurred by watching it. Not my cup of tea.
**Rebecca:** Depressing and monotonous drama that lacks focus and drive — it required all my stamina and patience to watch it through to the end. The acting was mediocre and it was difficult to appreciate Artaud's poetry and philosophy fully.
**Tom:** My first impression was how stylish this film looked. I found this bio-pic interesting, moving and informative. I was left wanting to know more about the man.

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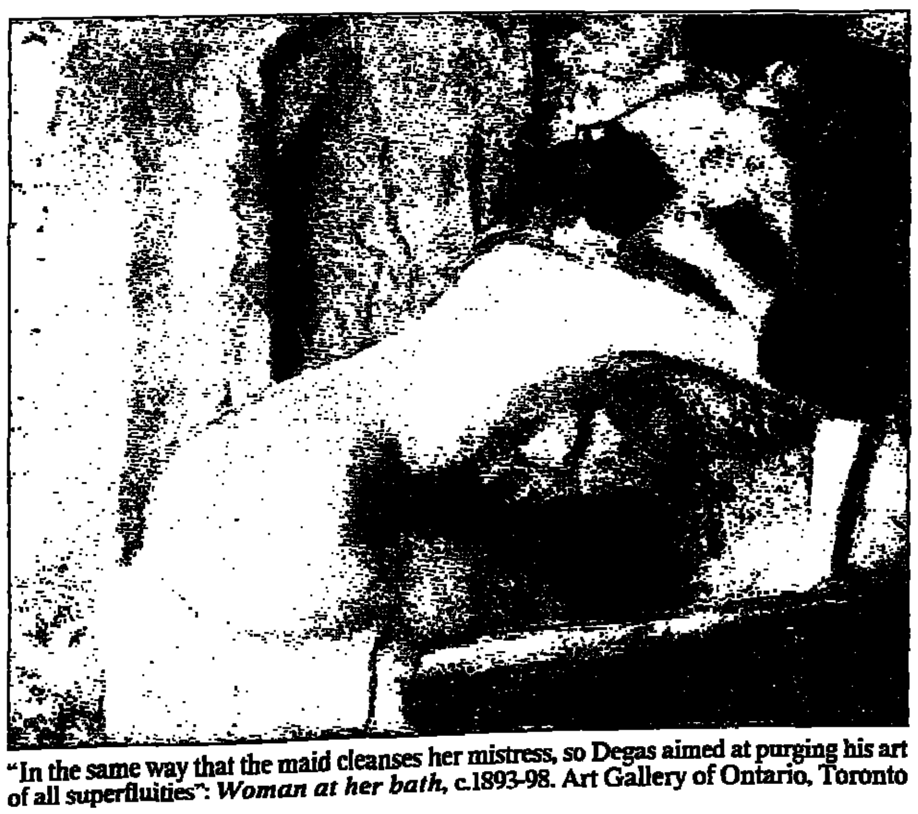
DEGAS: BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM — DAY SIX

**Richard Cork** continues his guide to highlights of the current exhibition at the National Gallery



"In the same way that the maid cleanses her mistress, so Degas aimed at purging his art of all superfluities": *Woman at her bath*, c.1893-98. Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

Degas preferred to avoid showing his bathers immersed in the tub. This was because he wanted to concentrate on the figure itself, unimpeded by water. So even in this picture, where the woman is engaged in the business of washing, she remains seated on the end of the bath. The pose enables Degas to emphasise the fullness of her buttocks with a sculptor's sense of rounded form.

But there is muscular tension, too, in the way her back leans forward over the water. Steadying herself with one hand on the side of the bath, she holds her hair up with the other as the maid pours water over the newly exposed part of her shoulders.

It is a simple enough act, but Degas heightens the meaning of the scene by various means. The drapes hanging above the bath give the picture an overwhelming sense of richness, and the light from below casts a glow on the front of the woman's body, burnishing it.

So the pouring of the water is charged with additional significance, suggesting that Degas may have seen it as a symbol of pictorial purification. In the same way that the maid cleanses her mistress, so Degas aimed in his later years at purging his art of all superfluities and concentrating on essentials alone.

- Degas: Beyond Impressionism *is at the National Gallery until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call, 0171-420 0000)*
- Tomorrow, Richard Cork discusses *After the bath: woman drying herself* (c 1894-96)

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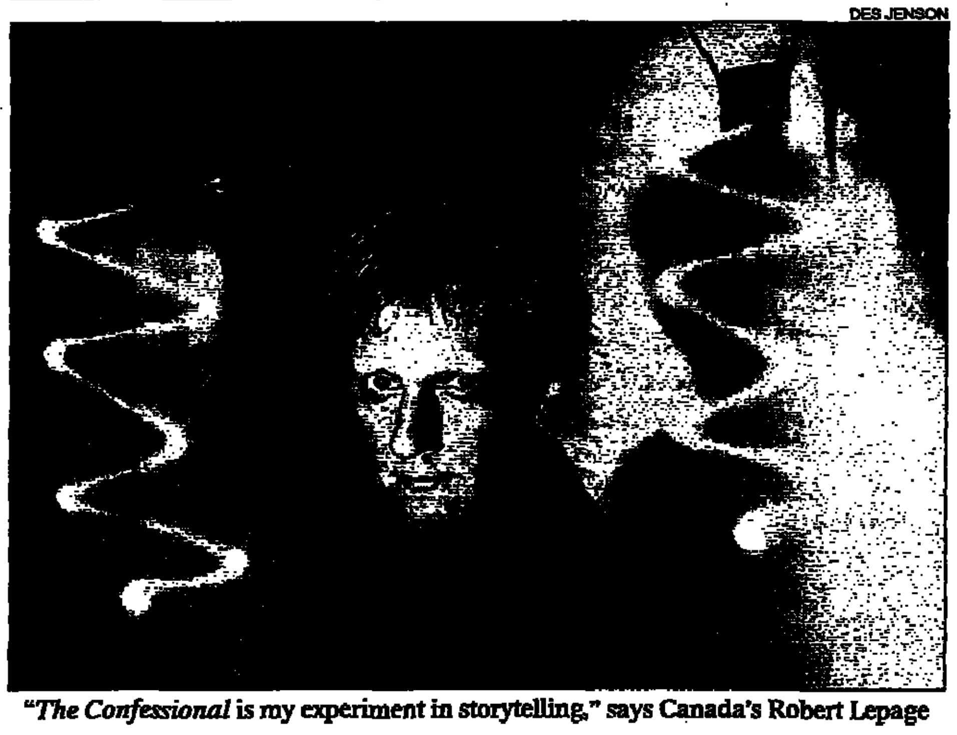
# The autobiographer turns the page

Multi-disciplined Robert Lepage tells **Michael Church** about *The Confessional*, his first film as a director



DES JENSON

"*The Confessional* is my experiment in storytelling," says Canada's Robert Lepage

Denys Arcand's film *Jesus of Montreal* used a crucifixion play to polarise the clash between conservatives and radicals which is the permanent bane of Quebec. Among its fictional actors there were confrontations too, of which one was memorable: a haunted, paranoid Christ versus a cynically laconic Pilate. Christ was played by Lothaire Bluteau, and Pilate by Robert Lepage. Off-screen they got on well enough, but when the film was over they went their separate ways.

Lepage had just taken over the reins of the Toronto-based Théâtre de Répere, the Canadian counterpart to the National Theatre, and was getting into his stride with the sequence of surreal dramas which have since made him famous.

Bluteau, meanwhile, became a wanderer. He won plaudits in London as an ecstatic, self-immolatory murderer in a play called *Being At Home with Claude*. He starred in Barrie Keeffe's Falklands play *Gotcha*, and in Bruce Beresford's Algonquin-Indian epic *The Black Robe*. He played a Mongol in Sally Potter's *Orlando* and a publisher of intellectual porn in Mary Harron's *I Shot Andy Warhol*.

Meeting him on one of his stints in London, I found myself wondering why he had never starred in Lepage's productions. They may have been on different sides in the secession debate — Lepage a passionate Quebec separatist and Bluteau a passionate integrationist — but, onstage, Bluteau radiated the unworldliness which was Lepage's keynote. Furthermore, Bluteau is a twin — and twins, or alter-egos, are one of Lepage's obsessions. Artistically, they were peas in a pod.

Next week, Lepage's film *The Confessional* opens in London, starring Lothaire Bluteau. It's about brothers, alter egos, suicides, and the fusion of orient and occident: Lepage's perennial themes, with a murky top-spin giving full scope to Bluteau's gift for dramatic paranoia. The plot juxtaposes the Quebec of 1952 with the Quebec of 1989; Hitchcock's murder-mystery *I Confess* — filmed there in 1952 — is the cinematic link for a rumination on ecclesiastical corruption then and now.

Like everything else Lepage has done, it's autobiographical. He has even cast his own middle-aged sister as the story's archetypal aunt-figure. "The casting agency couldn't understand the sort of person I was after, but *she* knew exactly," Lepage says.

*The Confessional* is his first shot at film direction, and he's engagingly diffident about it. "I needed coaching all the way, and I don't think I've yet found my cinematic style." Some sequences recall the work of that other autobiographer Terence Davies, but they never settle for his smooth, lyrical line: Lepage plays with ideas in a spirit much closer to that of his hero Cocteau. Hitchcock is not a hero, but he has borrowed from him: "I have tried to be Hitchcockian in the way I deal with the logic of images."

Theatre directors who make the jump into film often complain about its impersonality, but for Lepage, "a film is a *more* personal form of expression, more intimately revealing. A stage show is a collective process, and acquires a life and a *momentum* of its own. Even if you have conceived it and are acting in it, you feel, finally, that it can do without you. But a film depends on your decisions at every moment of its existence. For me, this has completely changed the rules of narrative. *The Confessional* is my experiment in storytelling."

His stage background did come in handy. "Film people regard those of us who have come from the theatre as clumsy and over-literal, but I regard film people as ludicrously hooked on waste. 'We'll take care of that in the cutting room,' they say, or 'We'll do that in the lab'.

"I've done things on the spot — fade-sequences which they told me were impossible — simply by using good old theatrical lights, and getting my actors to crawl across the set, below the sight-line of the cameras."

One by-product of his new approach to narrative is *Elsinore*, the one-man version of *Hamlet* he is bringing to the Edinburgh Festival. "This is my first shot at *Hamlet*, and I'll certainly come back to it in another way. I didn't want to inflict my notions on other actors, this first time round."

Lepage has just finished *shooting Polygraphe*, his second film, to be unveiled at the Venice Film Festival in October. This may sound mathematical, but is actually lurid in the extreme: a reworking of the autobiographical play he first produced ten years ago. One of his friends was murdered, and Lepage, himself a suspect, was cast by the police in their own bizarre dramatisation of what they thought had happened. The truth, when it emerged, was full of Chandleresque coincidences.

*Only to Lepage could* such things happen; only Lepage could transmute them into drama.

- The Confessional *opens in Britain next week*
- Elsinore *is at the Edinburgh Festival (King's Theatre) from August 12 to 16*

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**Alan Bennett's *Habeas Corpus* is revived by Sam Mendes**

VENUE: In preview at the Donmar Warehouse

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**Amanda Roocroft sings Mahler and Beethoven with the RPO**

VENUE: Tonight at the Barbican.

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**The best Bond since Connery? Pierce Brosnan hits the small screen in the thrilling *Goldeneye***

■ RECORDS

**... while, on CD, Daniel Barenboim takes an uninhibited approach to Strauss's *Elektra***

# Sparkle in a Goldeneye

## NEW ON VIDEO

Follow that plane: action-man Pierce Brosnan proves that James Bond can still cut the mustard in *Goldeneye*

### ■ GOLDENEYE

*MGM/UA, 12, 1995*

HE MAY be a sexist, misogynist dinosaur, but Ian Fleming's 007 can still cut the mustard. Pierce Brosnan's sardonic twinkle is crucial to the film's success; so is the blend of affectionate self-mockery and slam-bang action. The plot is too distended, and Alan Cumming's Russian computer geek grates on the nerves, but after the bruising, high-tech blockbusters of Stallone, Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis, Bond's latest battle to save the world from destruction appears almost charming. Available to rent.

### ■ LE CRIME DE MONSIEUR LANGE

*Connoisseur, PG, 1935*

JEAN RENOIR'S marvellously buoyant film, infused with the spirit of the Popular Front, concerns publishing house workers who take over the business in the absence of their tyrannical and womanising boss (Jules Berry). Jacques Prévert collaborated with Renoir on the quietly nutty script: together they ensure the revolutionary process has never seemed so comic, so governed by human frailties. The print is prefaced with a five-minute introduction by Renoir himself.

### ■ HEAVY

*Artificial Eye, 15, 1995*

SLOW, quiet and absorbing American independent film about frustrated lives from writer-director James Mangold. The central character (Pruitt Taylor) is a pizza chef at a truckstop café in upstate New York. He is fat and desperately shy. For company there is Mom (Shelley Winters), a world-weary waitress (Deborah Harry) and a college drop-out (Liv Tyler, subsequently picked by Bertolucci for his new film *Stealing Beauty*). There is no complicated plot: just some forlorn people rubbing against each other. Available to rent.

### ■ STRIKE!

*Tartan, PG, 1924*

NO OTHER film better expresses the artistic and political fervour of Russia in the 1920s. Eisenstein's first feature documents a factory strike with electrifying élan. Montage, symbolism, caricature: all his tricks are brought into play. *The print quality is reasonable*, so is the unidentified music score, though it is a pity that the translated titles, many of them phrased like revolutionary slogans, use bland modern lettering.

### ■ THE HORSEMAN ON THE ROOF

*Fox Guild, 15, 1995*

AFTER *Cyrano de Bergerac*, director *Jean-Paul Rappeneau now makes a* ravishing spectacle from Jean Giono's novel of romance, heroism and cholera *in 1830s Provence*. No cholera epidemic in history has ever looked so lovely, and the pictorial splendours drain away some narrative energy. Olivier Martinez cuts a stiff figure as the Italian hussar who takes to the roofs when panic-stricken townsfolk turn hysterical; for the best scenes you must wait for Juliette Binoche's enigmatic noblewoman to appear. Available to rent.

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*Harmonia Mundi*

*907128*★★★

THE severe gaze of a primitive head from the 1709 gravestone of the Rev Jonathan Pierpont of Wakefield, Massachusetts, transfixes the potential buyer of this new and rare compilation of Anglo-American psalmody from 1550 to 1800. These are the "plain tunes" of those Puritans who left the England of John Dowland to *settle in America*.

Collections such as *The Massachusetts Bay Psalm Book* developed the English cathedral style of Orlando Gibbons and his contemporaries into nicely rough "fuguing tunes", word-painting as naive as that on wood, harmonic confrontations as vigorous as their theological counterparts *in matters of sin* and death. Here is William Billings of Boston and his robust war song to the tune *Chester*; and here, too, is Benjamin West's mournful *Watford* and Abraham Wood's gentle *Worcester*. These psalm settings ring out in fresh-faced performances.

## ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

### ■ ADAMS

**Violin Concerto; Shaker Loops**

Kremer/London Symphony Orchestra/Nagano; Orchestra of St Luke's/Adams

*Nonesuch 7559-79360-2*★★★

*JOHN ADAMS has always* deployed minimalist techniques with more imagination than most. In his 1993 Violin Concerto he leaves the straitjacket of repetitive ostinato behind in favour of something altogether more rewarding. The Concerto was co-commissioned by the New York City Ballet and the dance impulse *is fundamental to it*.

The first movement is strongly propelled, with a striding figure forming the aural backdrop, against which the solo violin dances rhapsodically with virtuoso abandon. In the second movement, a chaconne, the violin *sings rather than dances*: a long cantilena is woven *through a haunting orchestral* texture. The subtitle of the chaconne is "Body through which the dream flows" — a poetic image of the violin as a dream passing through the orchestral fabric. The finale is a frenzied, Bacchic orgy, with motoric syncopations adding drive. Gidon Kremer is as alive to the poetic as to the *dynamic elements, and the* ensemble of the London Sym*phony Orchestra under Kent* Nagano is invigoratingly taut.

*Shaker Loops* is an earlier piece that began life in 1977 as a quartet, being reworked first as a septet and then for string orchestra (as heard here). Closer to traditional, 1970s-style minimalism, *Shaker Loops* is less inventive than the Violin Concerto but is persua*sively delivered by the Orches*tra of St Luke's under the composer's direction.

## OPERA

John Higgins

### ■ STRAUSS

**Elektra**

Polaski/Marc/Meier/Botha/*Struckmann*/ Berlin Staatskapelle/Barenboim

*Teldec 4509-99175-2*

*(2 CDs)*★★

"A WILDCAT," claims one of the palace maids when Elektra makes her first appearance in Strauss's opera of vengeance. Barenboim and his *lead* soprano, Deborah Polaski, take their cue from the observation. Bestial behaviour, including Klytem*nestra's parade of sacrificial* animals, runs through much of the work and Barenboim lets his Berlin players revel in it. The howls which arise from the orchestra, especially the brass, make *The Rite of Spring* sound like *The Teddy Bears' Picnic*.

Polaski adopts a similarly uninhibited approach, throw*ing herself into the music but* making sure that it is properly *sung*, unlike some Elektras who overdo the eldritch shriek. Conductor and soprano know precisely when to unleash their climaxes in a way to rattle the listener. And they know how to handle the Straussian *calm which inevitably* follows. Elektra's mono*logue after the return of* Orestes is superbly handled, a moment of serene rationality before blood bursts out again in the House of Atreus.

The partnership recalls that of Solti and Nilsson 30 years ago, still available on Decca. But Barenboim's supporting cast has less class, with the exception of Waltraud Meier's reptilian Klytemnestra. Alessandra Marc's Chrysothemis *sounds plummy and too placid*; she does not turn her scenes with Elektra into real confrontations. Falk Struckmann's Orestes is routine, although admittedly it is an unrewarding part. These shortcomings just nudge an otherwise thrilling set out of the three-star bracket.

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★ *Worth hearing*
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## TODAY'S CHOICE

***A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey***

### LONDON

**HABEAS CORPUS:** Terrific cast for this revival of Alan Bennett's marvellously modern farce: Brenda Blethyn, Celia Imrie, Imelda Staunton, *Jim Broadbent, Nicholas Woodeson*, and Sam Mendes directing **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732). *Previews begin* tonight, 8pm. Opens June 6. Ⓢ

**BLOOD ON THE FLOOR:** Ensemble Modern gives the world premiere performances of Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Blood on the Floor* — an exploration of alienation and drug addiction, in nine movements. With John Scofield, guitar, Peter Erskine, drums, and Martin Robertson, saxophones. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Ⓢ

**MOZART DOUBLE:** The Academy of *Ancient Music under Paul Goodwin* performs Mozart's comic miniature *The Impresario*, with the sopranos Judith *Howarth and Elizabeth Vidal*; and a semi-staged version by Opera Theatre Company (Dublin) of *Zaide*. **Freemasons' Hall**, Great Queen Street, WC2 (0171-312 1996 — BOC Covent Garden Festival box office). Tonight and Saturday, 7.30pm.

**ROYAL PHILHARMONIC:** Daniele Gatti conducts the orchestra in *Schubert's Rosamunde Overture*. Amanda Roocroft joins them for *Beethoven's exquisite concert aria Ah! Perfido!* and Mahler's Symphony No 4 **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 *8891). Tonight, 7.30pm*. Ⓢ

### ELSEWHERE

**BATH:** Wells Cathedral provides a suitably grand setting for an all-Russian programme of emotional extremes. Alexander Lazarev conducts the **Philharmonic Orchestra** in Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh*, Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 in B minor, *Pathétique*. With the Bath Festival Chorus under Nigel Perrin. **Festival box office** (01225 463362). Tonight, 7.30pm.

**KINGSBRIDGE:** Thomas Hardy's tragic novel **Tess of the D'Urbervilles** is brought to life by the Royal Exchange Mobile Theatre in Michael Fry's adaptation. Dilys Hamlett directs. **Kingsbridge Sports Centre**, Rope Walk (01548 857 100). Tonight-Sat 7.30pm; mat Fri 2.30pm.

**MALVERN:** *The Malvern Elgar Festival*, which lasts until June 9, begins today *with the British premiere of Elgar's Five Improvisations. It is given by the* distinguished pianist **David Owen Norris**, together with Fauré's *Six Barcarolles, Three Improvisations by* Poulenc and Lambert's Piano Sonata. **Festival box office** (01684 892 277) *Tonight, 7.30pm*.

**MANCHESTER:** The Library Theatre Company's current season ends with their production of **Wildest Dreams**, Alan Ayckbourn's baleful comedy of *English life*. Chris Honer directs. **Library**, St Peter's Square, M2 (0161-236 7110). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-*Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm; mats* Wed (12 June) Sats (June 22, 29), 3pm. Until June 29.

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***Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London***

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☐ **CALAMITY JANE:** Gemma Craven *plays the rootin'-tootin' tomboy with* Stephen McGann as Wild Bill Hickok in Paul Kerryson's production of the *musical of the film of the legend*. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Ave, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat 2.30pm. Until June 15 Ⓢ

☐ **CORIOLANUS:** Steven Berkoff's much-travelled production arrives in *London with himself as a snarling, ear-breaking fascist*. **Mermaid**, Puddle Dock, EC4 (0171-*236 2211). Now previewing, 7.30pm*. Opens June 12, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat 7.30pm; mat Sat 3pm. Until July 20. Ⓢ

■ **THE DESIGNATED MOURNER:** Mike Nichols, Miranda Richardson and David de Kayser in fascinating talk-play by Wallace Shawn, *set, we learn, in a philistine future*. David Hare directs. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Fri and Sat, 4pm. In rep.

☐ **FUNERAL GAMES:** *Amazing cast* for Phil Willmott's revival of Joe Orton's jet-black comedy, set in the HQ of a weird religious sect: Adam Arn, Bette Bourne, Sylvester McCoy, Aimi Macdonald. **Drill Hall**, Chenies St, WC1 (0171-637 8270). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until June 22.

☐ ***PHAEDRA'S LOVE:*** Sarah Kane's re-invention of the Greek myth, set in an imagined royal family. Torture, castration: *the familiar Kane ingredients*. **Gate**, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-*229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm*.

☐ **PORTIA COUGHLAN:** Derbhle Crotty in the title role of Marina Carr's play where the loss of a drowned twin brother is set against the ordinariness of small-town Ireland. Garry Hynes directs. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Sat 3.30pm. Until June 1.

☐ **ROAD MOVIE:** Godfrey Hamilton's latest one-man play, performed by Mark *Pinkosh and a sell-out at last year's* Edinburgh. A man heads West across America finding love and grief. **Lyric Studio**, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ ***ROMEO AND JULIET:*** Lucy Whybrow's Juliet is one of the better things in Adrian Noble's so-so *production from last year's Stratford*. **Barbican**, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; mat 2pm. In rep Ⓢ

◪ **SALAD DAYS:** Julian Slade's *tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin*. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that *also includes Kit and the Widow*. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

◪ **TARTUFFE:** Ian McDiarmid and Tom Hollander marvellously funny, and creepy, *in Jonathan Kent's top-class production of Molière's tart comedy*. **Almeida**, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm. Ⓢ

☐ **TOMMY:** Hugely impressive staging *of the traumatised child's apotheosis to* pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

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***Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country***

### NEW RELEASES

◆ ***ANGUS (12):*** *Fat kid fights off his* bullies. Tame teen movie that means well. With Charlie Talbert and Kathy *Bates. Director, Patrick Read Johnson* **Plaza** (0800-888 997)

**UNE FEMME FRANCAISE** (18): High-class tosh, with Emmanuelle Béart and Daniel Auteuil treading 30 years of French history. *Director, Régis Wargnier*. **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720)

◆ **MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND** (U): Kermit and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic. Jolly addition to the Muppet movie saga, with Tim Curry. Director, Brian Henson **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18): Cocky defence attorney Richard Gere gets sucked into a devious *murder case*. Superficial thriller, directed by Gregory Hoblit. **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) ***Fulham Road*** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

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### CURRENT

◆ ***THE BIRDCAGE*** (15): Crass, gaudy remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay couple faced with *an in-law* problem. Director, Mike Nichols. **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Chelsea** *(0171-352 5096)* ***Fulham Road*** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **COPYCAT** (18): Agoraphobic Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter's *police detective battle with a serial* killer. Unpleasant thriller. Directed by Jon Amiel. ***MGMs: Chelsea*** *(0171-352 5096)* **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ ***EXECUTIVE DECISION*** (15): *Good, silly fun on a hijacked airliner, with Kurt* Russell, Halle Berry, and a *consignment of nerve gas. Produced by* Joel Silver. **MGMs Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 *2636) Trocadero (0171-434 0031)* **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MR HOLLAND'S OPUS** (PG): Thirty years of a music teacher's life. Well-*meaning piffle, with Richard Dreyfuss*. Director, Stephen Herek. **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

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**The Comedy of Errors**
Regent's Park

Granted, Regent's Park is not the place to worry about chic. After all, I was wearing all my clothes at once for this opening night of the Open Air Theatre season (though, mercifully, no rain stopped play). And granted, too, *The Comedy of Errors* is essentially a romp: Shakespeare returned more probingly to its central themes later in *Twelfth Night*.

Nevertheless, Ian Talbot's staging could surely suggest something a little more profound about people entering the realms of the irrational, escaping responsibilities, spawning dual identities. Ephesus, famed for its wizardry, needs to be less mundane, more of a land of madness and dreams, and the park's woody glade could be such a magical place. Outdoor theatre may not have great pretensions, but surely it can muster up better ensembles and a more coherent vision than here.

Either that, or the production needed to be much funnier. The play certainly has the potential. In Shakespeare's ancient port, a pair of spotless nuns toddle out and sunnily chime the passing hours. "Bong, bong," they sing and assure the piazza "from on high" that "all's well in Ephesus". Down below, though, the lay-folk are in ever escalating chaos. It is bound to cause havoc when two sets of twins — Identikit masters plus matching servants — are suddenly popping up all over town without meeting each other face to face.

The normally respectable Adriana (Paula Wilcox with striking Greco-Roman features, arcing eyebrows and an alluring wink) is having more than a siesta with a chap who looks exactly like her hubby. At the same time, her legal spouse is hammering on his portico. Antipholus is being barred from his own atrium by a voice claiming to be his servant Dromio while the other Dromio does a metaphysical double-take. The mistaken identities mount up insanely. A courtesan is demanding her ring back. The jeweller wants his cash. The Dromio twins, zig-zagging between masters, are driving everyone round the twist.

*The Comedy of Errors* is chock-a-block with farcical mistakes, not to mention naughty *faux pas*. But in this staging the two boys from Syracuse are simply not funny men. The visiting Antipholus could be having a whale of a time. He is getting nookie with his brother's wife without having tied the knot, and is handed a precious necklace without footing the bill. David Cardy seems, though, lamentably dreary. Even his ardour for Adriana's pretty sister (Debra Beaumont) is hardly a blaze. Meanwhile Cardy's manservant, Gavin Muir, is not a natural clown. Both Dromio brothers inevitably get endless drubbings. Unfortunately the biffing sessions here are often too clumsily faked to get much of a laugh. Oopsadaisy.

Peter Forbes's resident Antipholus is relatively at home in his part, striding off to the local whorehouse (albeit kitted out as if this involves a Victorian trek up the Amazon). He has a twinkle in his eye. Finding himself heading for the slammer, he roars rather pleasingly. Wilcox's Adriana is classy and sparky. Judith Paris, as the Abbess who eventually reveals herself as mother of the Antipholus twins, is amusingly superior, rebuking her daughter-in-law for laxity and strictness in one breath.

Overall, however, this production is limp. Ephesus offers a bit of glitter, like gold-sprayed pot plants, but the comic chases are lacklustre. The local tradesmen are smartly costumed in straw bowlers and tailcoats. But Adriana is the only lady with a decent wardrobe. The town floozies look a mixed bag of Spanish gypsies and belly-dancers. Little here to warm the blood on a chilly night.

*Faux pas in the park: Paula Wilcox, Peter Forbes and Gavin Muir in Ian Talbot's Open Air Theatre production of The Comedy of Errors*

RADIO

# Lock up the House

RADIO 4 normally occupies the slot between 8.43am and 9am with **Yesterday in Parliament**, which means that people of a nervous disposition or those whose stomachs turn at listening to farmyard animals baying at each other tend to switch off.

Anything of importance that has happened in Parliament the day before is covered in *Today* and the BBC's charter duty to give an account of parliamentary business is discharged by *Today in Parliament* each night.

So *Yesterday in Parliament* is something of an anachronism and there are those within the BBC who would cheerfully bury it. A fringe benefit of dropping the show is the amusing prospect of an edition of *Yesterday in Parliament* dominated by MPs demanding that *Yesterday in Parliament* be reinstated.

There is a purpose to raising this matter during a parliamentary recess. Excellent little programmes consistently replace *Yesterday in Parliament* at such times and this week's **Sailing Alone Around the World** — readings from Joshua Slocum's book of that name — provides a fine example.

Slocum, born in 1844 and presumed lost at sea in about 1910, was the first great single-handed sailor and he wrote with insight and intelligence. Tuesday's account of a clash with pirates, from whom Slocum escaped because the pirate ship was dismasted by a rogue wave, was a superb evocation of the sea and of the thought processes which dominate a lone sailor's time.

Such programmes are also a perfect counterpoint to *Today's* weighty current affairs agenda for listeners preparing to face the day. In the case of the Slocum book, they provide literal proof that whatever may be lurking at the office, worse things happen at sea.

Clearly the BBC is unlikely to dump *Yesterday in Parliament* 12 months ahead of an election: the corporation will have enough paranoia to deal with without providing politicians with evidence that someone is trying to get at them. But the BBC should tough it out and politicians should secretly hope it succeeds. Not the least of the reasons why politicians are held in contempt is because they are heard, on *Yesterday in Parliament*, to behave in contemptible ways.

There is a case for *Today in Parliament*, already marginalised to long wave only, where those who want it can find it. But there is no case for inflicting *Yesterday in Parliament* (FM and long wave) on a largely begrudging audience.

The two programmes are known as "*Tip*" and "*Yip*" in BBC-speak. My advice, as Slocum might have put it, is to tip *Yip* overboard.

PETER BARNARD

# Sweet sanctity of Byrd song

CONCERT

**I Fagiolini**
Purcell Room

NOT many people outside the choral establishments of Oxford and Cambridge are fortunate enough to have the opportunity of getting to know the Latin motets of William Byrd. Many of the works published in his three volumes of *Cantiones Sacrae* from the latter part of the 16th century do not sit easily in the modern liturgy of either the Anglican or the Roman Catholic Church: the texts are often unfamiliar, the musical settings very demanding to sing.

It is still rarer nowadays to hear this wonderful music performed as devotional chamber music with only one voice to a part, as it would have been in Byrd's own day. This is exactly what I Fagiolini offered as part of the Early Music Series at the Purcell Room, the relatively intimate nature of which afforded a congenial setting for an inspired programme with the title of *The Caged Bird*.

Byrd was never actually imprisoned, but, as a Catholic in Protestant England he did come under suspicion, and there is little doubt that the Latin motet became a means through which he could express his Catholic faith. Many of the texts he set draw on the Old Testament theme of the suffering of God's chosen people through persecution at the hands of their oppressors. The sub-text of the brilliantly conceived *Domine Tu Iurasti* or the highly expressive *Deus Venerunt Gentes* clearly laments the situation of English Catholics.

I had not previously heard the latter, rarely performed work, and it is without doubt one of Byrd's most expressive pieces. Believed to have been written in response to the martyrdom of the Jesuit priest Edmund Campion in 1581, the text (drawn from Psalm 78), refers to the bodies of the Lord's servants having been "laid out as food for the birds of the air" — a grim meditation on Campion's fate (he was hanged, drawn and quartered). I Fagiolini brought out perfectly the balance between restraint and underlying passion in a powerful and compelling performance.

Indeed, throughout the evening the group responded with absolute conviction to Byrd's settings, from the breadth and grandeur of *Attollite Portas* and the more concise, prayer-like *Domine Salva Nos*, to the urgency of *Vigilate* and the jubilant *Laudibus in Sanctis*. "Authentic" Latin pronunciation (for example "vigilaytee") coloured the overall effect, but was never intrusive.

The singers were not afraid to bring out in a soloistic manner the more madrigalian elements of the music, but still more admirable was their feeling for the structure of each work and a sense of total ease with the demanding rhythmic interplay at the heart of much of Byrd's music.

This was also true of Sophie Yates's playing of some of the pieces from *My Lady Nevell's Book* on the virginals — an enticingly mellow-sounding instrument by Mark Ransom. All in all, a very attractive programme that could not but enhance Byrd's standing as a great but still curiously neglected composer.

TESS KNIGHTON

# Rich without Richey

POP

**Manic Street Preachers**
Forum, N5

ALTHOUGH the Manic Street Preachers recently played a few high-profile support slots to both the Stone Roses and Oasis, this was their first headline tour since the disappearance of guitarist Richey Edwards nearly 16 months ago.

Singer-guitarist James Dean Bradfield was completely fired up, moving around the stage as though he was trying to fill the void left by Edwards, playing off bassist Nicky Wire and drummer Sean Moore, while a keyboard player stood so far off to the left that his presence barely intruded on the rest of the band.

The early part of the set included *Australia*, from the new album *Everything Must Go*, which was recorded without Edwards and was largely written by Wire, but Edwards's presence hung over the show just as the ghost of Ian Curtis once haunted early New Order; a comparison further accentuated by Bradfield's new Bernard Sumner-style wedge haircut.

That said, the overriding feeling was one of celebration, rather than sadness, even when they did their most moving songs, such as *Yes*, where the hurt and confusion in the lyrics was masked by an uplifting Northern Soul tune, and *La Tristesse Durera*.

*After favourites like Motown Junk* and *Motorcycle Emptiness*, Bradfield was left on his own to sing *Small Black Flowers that Grow in the Sky*, one of the last set of lyrics to be written by Edwards, and Bacharach-David's *Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head*.

The rest of the band returned for *This is Yesterday*, *A Design for Life* and finally *You Love Us*, dedicated, among others, to Arthur Scargill, which made a nice change from the apolitical, or pro-Blair, stance of most of the Manics' contemporaries.

On the way out, someone enthused that it had been "like watching the Clash" — a bit of an exaggeration unless you can imagine the Clash playing to the Alarm's audience — but Bradfield's soulful punk howl, now worn deeper by bitter experience, definitely comes from Joe Strummer's side of the tracks.

ANN SCANLON

**Hilary Finch** journeys to Wales to find a touring youth choir, run on a shoestring, that turns no voice away

# In tune with the land of song

Bare ruined choirs. First it was the dissolution of the monasteries, then the disintegration of the chapels. On the Welsh skyline they stand, defiantly broad-backed, without spire or steeple, monuments to a Bible-black century of religious and cultural nonconformity. Some gape into the wind, windows broken, doors swinging. Others house the latest in Welsh installation art. And some few still sing.

A scarlet and green gallery, loud with young voices, sweeps round between the gilded Corinthian columns of the immaculately restored 1875 Tabernacle Chapel in Llanelli. Fifty years ago the adult choir of 180 would be visited by Dame Eva Turner, would take soprano Joan Hammond down the local coalmine, would be the first to hear Kathleen Ferrier's *Messiah*. Now the stained-glass grapes of Edom reverberate to the voices of 50 eight to 16-year-olds singing distinctly counter-reformatory repertoire: *Panis Angelicus*, *A Ceremony of Carols*, a Czech dance, *Maire's Wedding*, *The Mikado*, Johnny Bach.

Consonants are hard and bright, vowels vividly Welsh, male and female chest voices resonant in a blend fit to confound the current cathedral debate. Fifty faces stare forward, mesmerised by the hawk-like eyes of John Hywel Williams, a dark, bearded Svengali of the baton. At the piano, his wife Jean. Prowling up and down the mahogany aisles, son Jeremy, unofficial musical bouncer, valet, road manager and interpreter: half the choir speak Welsh as their first language.

Williams *père* formed the Hywel Girls' Choir when he was still at school from the members of his own chapel youth club. The choir soon became independent and started touring, first to Holland, then to Czechoslovakia. It now claims to be the most widely travelled youth choir in Britain and has sheaves of A4 itineraries to prove it.

The Hywel Boy Singers joined the Hywel Girls' Choir six years ago: they retain two names, but sing as one mixed choir. There are still only ten boys out of 50 choristers, though. Strange, in this land of male-voice choirs? "Well," says Williams, "all of that's really more about a night out away from the wife. It was traditionally difficult for the mother to leave home. Now, though, singing is not seen as enough of a male activity in Wales. Our boys don't want people to know they're in the choir, even if they'll sing their heads off at a rugby match." And those he keeps he loses when their voices break at 14.

So the search for membership continues. Nearly 3,000 choristers have passed through the choir since it was founded. It exists for all sorts and conditions, from hilltop detached to valleys terraced, from the so-called tone-deaf to the privately taught. Membership changes rapidly, and there is always a group of tiny, waistcoated probationers on hand to maintain momentum. There is no selection; Williams auditions only to discover if a child has a high or low voice, and no child is barred from touring through lack of finances — even though west Wales is not exactly a hotbed of corporate sponsorship.

With funding solely from raffles, collections, auctions and individual patrons, Williams finds commissioning new works impossible. Yet he needs them desperately. The search for repertoire is endless and often dispiriting. "Composers, particularly in Wales, are just not doing enough for young singers, for choirs with simple resources and yet a need for challenging music. If only the Urdd or the National Eisteddfod would commission music for young people."

Britten, Gilbert and Sullivan, Richard Rodgers — and Johnny Bach — travelled with them to Moscow. Although most of the singers do not read music and learn entirely by ear, they rarely sing in fewer than four parts. In March they sold out the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall of the Moscow Conservatoire ("If we let agents organise our tours, we'd never get venues like that") and learnt a new work by the young Russian composer Georgi Struve, who flew in for the performance. Russian State Television and Radio, BBC1, S4C and BBC Radio Cymru were also in attendance. Now Williams wants to conquer China — or perhaps just Barbados first. Next year's plans remain open.

And competitions? "No. Full stop. We've never competed. We don't see the point. If you use an Eisteddfod for the fun of it, OK. But a cupboard full of cups never helped anyone," says the irrepressible Williams, whose own sideboard boasts a particularly large samovar. "We must develop our own listening, our own inner competition with other choirs with whom we meet and work all the time. And our own self-criticism."

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# Bold traveller in a dry season

**Imogen Stubbs** on one woman's adventure with the Rabari nomads of Rajasthan

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A desert odyssey that reveals as much about the author as about the nomads she travelled with: Robyn Davidson (left) on the way to Jodhpur

One of my most embarrassing memories is of meeting David Lean and gushing, "Mr Lean — I can't tell you how much I admire *Laurence of Olivier*." Without a flicker he replied, "Arabia. Yes. And what in particular do you admire?" "Oh — the camel bit," I yapped back hysterically. "You see, I've always been crazy about camels and deserts . . . " Fortunately I was dragged away before I could go on to describe how our loo wall was covered with *National Geographic* photos — in pride of place, a lone woman crossing Australia by camel.

I had always assumed I would become such an adventuress — then I discovered that I got panic attacks if I strayed outside a five-mile radius of Boots the Chemist.

So, instead, I turned to a vicarious way of seeing the world — travel writers — who, by recognising that to exist is to be perceived, give the rest of us wings to fly with.

I already knew something of Robyn Davidson's work, but *Desert Places* is by far the most remarkable odyssey in which I've had the privilege to participate. It is a rawly receptive account of accompanying the Rabari nomads on their migratory cycle across the Thar desert in Rajasthan. It is so vivid and without respite that it had the heart distracted out of me from beginning to end.

DESERT PLACES
**By Robyn Davidson**
*Viking, £18*
*ISBN 0 670 84077 7*

Robyn Davidson first fell in love with the idea of travelling with the pastoral nomads in 1978, when she found herself in their midst at a camel fair in Pushkar. It was a romantic notion fuelled by visions of moonlit dunes, billowing robes the colour of sunsets, and a willingness "to surrender parts of what had originally formed me in exchange for the new perspectives offered by difference".

Her opportunity did not come until a decade later with a commission from *National Geographic*, but by then it had become a "moth-eaten vision" plagued by setbacks — mainly because of the grimly changing face of nomadism itself, changes due to a venal Government and the corrosive antagonism between the once symbiotic peripatetic and sedentary populations.

Eventually, in 1992, she managed to insinuate herself into a group in Gujarat. But instead of the unfettered independence of her dreams, she found herself encumbered with unwanted baggage and recalcitrant servants. The journey turns out to be "like reading *Tristram Shandy* — endless digressions from where you thought you were going". And not romantic: "*Pressed* against me the women blew snot out of their noses, spat and belched. There were a couple of men under the tarpaulin with us shivering with fever. Baby goats covered in sores drank from our water-pots and urinated on our mats."

She sleeps among 5,000 sheep; sits on snakes; drinks guinea-worm infested water; attends a wedding and ends up babysitting the groom (aged four); she endures sickness, public ablutions, theft and near murder. Worst of all, she suffers the "sub-continental stare" — where "eyes peeled my flesh away". Eventually a sort of masochism in the guise of "an over-developed sense of responsibility to the magazine's needs not being fulfilled" becomes anger at writing "another useless artifact for Western consumption to adorn doctors' waiting rooms".

She discovers "*Dusare desh, dusare loog*" (different countries, different people). Not only does this deprive her of longed-for solitude, but she discovers incredible loneliness in companionship without a common language. Moreover, she is forced to realise that her need to communicate will always be with and via the culture that, in so many ways, she is attempting to disinherit: "Grey cranes lifted their trousers and stalked about in the water like English academics on some esoteric field trip."

Like the totemic beings of Aboriginal myth who wandered the continent in Dreamtime, she seems to be trying to sing everything that crosses her path into some interlinked meaning — the bewitching, soul-destroying countryside, the magnanimous, rapacious nomads, and her own paradoxical self, enraged against India and yet: "more in love with life than I had ever felt . . . Not for a moment did it allow relief from the discomforts of paradox. Not for a moment did it allow indifference."

But though language protects and recreates her experiences, it also obfuscates and limits. However, by the end the writing gathers to some humble understanding that shines despairingly over the dirt and hunger and hurt of centuries — cocooning India into a place where the notion of country connotes utter belonging, where "being" eclipses "doing" and where tragedy and human greatness are somehow compatible.

Robyn Davidson is a ferociously good storyteller — capable of sharing everything from rage to heady experiences without the phoniness of those "oohing" and "aahing" travel writers who (to adapt Katherine Mansfield) never get further than warming the pot: "Feel the tea-pot. Is it not beautifully warm? Yes — but there ain't going to be no tea."

With Davidson you get deliciously sweet, milky tea, but you also get the whole scalding pot thrown down your gullet. I read much of *Desert Places* while I was in labour, and I can't help feeling — cliché though it is — that the extreme emotional and physical experience of her adventure was not dissimilar. During both there is a sense of spirituality, and continuity, and miracle — but also of loneliness, pain, rage, danger, squeamishness — "the horrible, marvellous strangeness of life".

To avoid pain altogether, of course, the solution is to "do" India with the equivalent of a mobile epidural — like the New Age movement who export India in the form of "vaporous serenity" and message T-shirts; or the American who saw India from an air-conditioned bus and cooed, "The poor looked . . . so happy".

And the loss? Only what Seamus Heaney described as the power of experience to "catch the heart off guard — and blow it open".

# A busy stage dominated by William the Great

**Linda Colley**

THE YOUNGER PITT
The Consuming Struggle
**By John Ehrman**
*Constable, £35*
*ISBN 0 09 475540 X*

It was January 23, 1806. The hushed, upper-class friends and doctors huddled around William Pitt the Younger's deathbed knew themselves to be watching history in the making, and heard him exit on a suitable line. "Oh, my country! How I leave my country," he groaned. And died. Yet the lower orders present heard differently. The nurse thought Pitt had asked for barley-water. Years later, the doorkeeper told Disraeli that the great man expired yearning for a pork pie. So what was the real, and what was the legend?

John Ehrman is now so much part of the latter that it comes as no surprise to find him backing the patriotic version. His biography of Pitt, of which this is the third and last volume, is one of the most remarkable sustained scholarly exercises of the 20th century: he has been researching it for more than 40 years, almost as long as his subject lived. The prose is lucid, keeping the momentum going, his mastery of detail is formidable, and reading his lengthy footnotes is a historical education in itself. But has he captured all of the man?

Part of the difficulty is that Erhman has always sought "to show Pitt as a man moving among men on a busy stage". In the past, this strategy has sometimes led to Pitt being lost sight of in a dense narrative of events. Here, though, the balance is generally good, yet just listing what Ehrman has to cover shows the complexity of his task.

He starts in 1797 with Pitt in the midst of a banking crisis. He then describes his hero's introduction of the income tax in 1798, his conduct of the world war against Napoleon, his negotiation of the Act of Union with Ireland in 1800, his responses to sedition, political infighting and anti-slavery debates at home, and to an expanding empire and two major invasion threats abroad. There is simply an awful lot to absorb.

There is also the problem of Pitt himself. He was a man of massive reserve and family pride. His father, the great war-leader Chatham, had immersed him in politics and the classics from his infancy, calling him "the Young Senator", "William the Great".

Bearer of a famous name and trained for the premiership like no other, he climbed to the top of the greasy pole in 1783 in his 24th year. The price of staying there for some 20 years was that he knew he must never look down — or too much within. His father had been sporadically mad. Various uncles and aunts and his niece were also unbalanced. So he kept away — not just from the scrutiny of others but also from self-scrutiny, leaving the historian few clues about his innermost workings.

For such a man physical intimacy would have been difficult and probably repellent. Ehrman describes here his rapid retreat from the only woman whose name was ever seriously linked with his, Eleanor Eden. He also discusses whether Pitt enjoyed a homosexual relationship with his Cabinet colleague George Canning. He clearly always preferred the company of men, hard drinking, political gossip, exchanging Greek and Latin tags, furious horseback riding. But the evidence for much more than this is slight: Canning's hand resting on his shoulder in the Commons, a few ambiguous diary entries. It seems much more likely that Pitt was the only British Prime Minister ever to die a virgin.

But did he live or die a Tory? Ehrman is surely right to answer no. Pitt called himself a Whig. His personal commitment to the Anglican Church and to the monarchy was limited. He took a utilitarian view of traditional institutions, ruthlessly transforming them when necessary. In an ideal world, he thought that Tom Paine was right. He was conservative only in his conviction that an ideal world was unattainable and that property should be preserved. Only after his death was a renovated Tory party forged, with him as a crucial part of its mythology.

Ehrman probes the myths with caution and wisdom, but he does not entirely seek to escape them. He does not always face up to Pitt's ruthlessness. Nor does he examine what the mass of Britons — as distinct from the affluent — thought of him. Here are hundreds of thousands of words by a considerable historian. But not the last words.

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Pragmatic: Cruikshank drew Pitt as a weathercock in 1804

# High Hill

**Jonathan Clark**

LIBERTY AGAINST THE LAW
Some 17th-Century *Controversies*
**By Christopher Hill**
*Allan Lane, £25*
*ISBN 0 7139 9119 4*

THERE is something rather magnificent in the achievement of Christopher Hill which is not fully captured even in the formal record of a remarkable career. Hill downplays his distinction: a Prize Fellowship of All Souls is omitted from his dust jacket biography and the mastership of Balliol takes its place beside a visiting professorship at Lancashire Polytechnic.

Hill is grand enough to record his assistant lectureship at Cardiff, but even this lofty condescension does not identify Hill's special quality. What is most splendid about Christopher Hill is defiance.

In history as in politics, his stance is that of an heroic preference for justice over peace. In 1938 the cause of appeasement pleased the gods, but Cato sided with Stalin's Russia. In the 1950s Oxford historians were still blaming the Civil War on Archbishop Laud; Hill rebaptised it as a Marxist Rite of Passage, on a par with 1789 or 1917.

Such magnificent gestures may have been wrong; but all England's great historians have been wrong at times, espousing some hopeless cause or too-audacious hypothesis but stamping their image on the viewpoint of their age. Lesser historians, timid or inhibited, aimed at correctness; Hill had wider ends to serve. He has served that cause with more profound influence on his time than any of his peers. Among the English Marxist historians, that galaxy of talent from the 1960s, Hill was and is a prince of academe.

Hill was often wrong. He depicted the events of the 1640s and 1650s as a climacteric: afterwards, everything was different. The Civil War was a clash between the forces of progress and the forces of reaction: despite the Restoration, progress won in the end. The Civil War was a bourgeois revolution made by the bourgeoisie (early Hill), or, if not, at least a revolution from which the bourgeoisie profited (later Hill).

Yet, in retrospect, we appreciate that Hill's achievement was not in the imposition of rigid formulae but in an extraordinarily liberating diversification of scholarship: Hill's English revolution was the most effervescent of all the "great" revolutions, and the most populated by believable men and women expressing fascinating, if strange, ideas.

Now that Marxism can no longer harm, the point is not to refute Hill but to appreciate him. Every scrap of his writing is to be treasured; every essay, every review overflows with historical skill. Every part of his work includes the whole.

This collection of studies focuses on crime, and crime seen from the viewpoint of the ordinary man as social protest. This thesis is not new: its classic formulation was by E. P. Thompson 20 years ago. Nor am I more persuaded now than I was then: it strikes me as an *Alice in Wonderland* vision in which all the criminals are victims and all their victims become criminals. I am not persuaded that "the land-less" were "the law-less". Court records show that the poor are the chief victims of crime, however much Hill's literary sources romanticise criminals as Robin Hoods. Yet this hardly seems to matter beside the learning and deftness with which Hill makes his theme so fascinating.

Retirement evidently means nothing to a man with a vocation: Hill continues in full spate. Others might be more concerned. Only a few years ago, English universities could still boast of a race of giants among historians in post, Hill among them. Do they still?

# Prose on the edge of an abyss

IS HUMAN suffering necessary? "Indispensable", replies Pangloss in Voltaire's *Candide*. The rationalist answer has not changed in the two and a half centuries since the Lisbon earthquake inspired Voltaire's lampoon of Leibniz. The same unchanging logic — of Robespierre, of Lenin and Mao, of every once and future leader of all progressive mankind — rules the macrocosm of *The Foundation Pit*.

Like *Candide*, Platonov's novel is a plotless allegory of human striving. But where Voltaire's characters roam the globe in pursuit of happiness, the heroes of Platonov's parody of social construction must stay put as they dig for theirs. With all the pathos inherent in their chain-gang immobility, they believe they are laying the foundations of paradise.

The Lisbon disaster killed 30,000 people. The forced industrialisation of Russia, which began in 1928 and is the historical background of *The Foundation Pit*, left an estimated 15.2 million dead. Even if one considers Platonov's masterpiece merely as a *conte philosophique*, one may note that his model universe was more amply observed than Voltaire's. He was also a writer — perhaps the only writer to have advanced Russian prose beyond what had been achieved by Chekhov — not a philosopher in literary disguise.

In Russia he had been recognised by generations of clandestine readers long before his works were published, nearly all of them posthumously. Yet a kind of triple moat now separates Platonov (1899-1951) from the English reader. One very modern pitfall is the commercialisation of Western literary culture, with its inflationary tendency to proclaim every book an enduring masterpiece. Inevitably, to claim for Platonov a pedigree of such peers as Voltaire and Chekhov is to compete with Jilly Cooper's blurb writers on unequal terms.

**Andrei Navrozov**

THE FOUNDATION PIT
**By Andrei Platonov**
*Harvill, £14.99*
*ISBN 1 86046 049 6*

THE SECOND obstacle, much wider and deeper, is the optimistic rationalism which has distended Western thought since the 18th century. Panglossian leaders like Lenin may sometimes be derided, yet the rationalist malaise is deep in the bones of every educated European devoted to the principles of scientific and social progress. Deep down in every one of us is a little Lenin, and when Platonov holds up the looking glass where the monstrously logical conclusion of our enlightened beliefs is reflected, we would rather doubt his genius than acknowledge that it is ourselves that we see.

Platonov's genius is what keeps this fairy-tale mirror from cracking. His novel of 1929 is as much a miracle of language as a Wittgensteinian vision of the end of language. When men are reduced to the condition of dumb animals in the name of social progress, how do they behave? We may think we know the political answer from Orwell's nightmares. But how they communicate and reason we know only because Platonov has written *The Foundation Pit*.

It follows that the third obstacle before the reader of this, perhaps the greatest and certainly the last of the great Russian novels, is translation. The present version, by Robert Chandler and Geoffrey Smith, is inadequate and is, if anything, a step backwards from the first English translation by Thomas Whitney of 20 years ago.

The difficulty here is not merely the arcane totalitarianese in which the novel is written. What is required of the translator is the ability to inflict untold suffering, as Platonov's heroes do every time they speak, on language itself.

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# Violet wanted to talk with the boys

### **Woodrow Wyatt** on the shrewd mind of Asquith's daughter

LANTERN SLIDES
*The Diaries and Letters of Violet Bonham-Carter, 1904-1914*
**Edited by Mark Bonham-Carter and Mark Pottle**
*Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20*
*ISBN 0 297 81649 7*

Born in 1887 into a Liberal *family, but not* liberal enough to let Violet Asquith have a real *education* at a real school as her brothers had, she made up for it by learning fast from the brilliant family she lived in — which entered an upper-class social circle, to the dismay of her father's old nonconformist friends. That was on the advent of Margot *Tennant*, daughter of Sir Charles Tennant Bt, and second wife of her father, H. H. *Asquith. His* was a middle-class family; his *father* was a nonconformist *wool spinner* and weaver in Lancashire. Helen, his first wife, was the daughter of a Manchester *GP* who died when her *daughter*, Violet, was four.

Asquith's ascent to 10 *Downing Street demonstrates* that talent in Britain has always led to the top if there is *the will* and the ambition. Sir Robert Peel was the son of an enlightened calico printing manufacturer; Ramsay MacDonald was *the* illegitimate son of a ploughman but became Prime Minister four times, eventually yielding to the temptations of what *Lord Passfield* called "the aristocratic embrace", as did Violet, her brothers and her father.

Violet was a prodigious diarist and correspondent. She began her diary when she was 17: the facsimile of the first page shows large, legible writing embellished by an exuberant *flourish*. This weighty book runs merely to 1914; more will follow, up to her death in 1967. Never can anyone have collected *and kept so many letters* written and received. The first volume contains fascinating *flashes of elegant life* and entertaining among elevated Liberals, habitués of grand houses and ballrooms.

*She adored her father* and his second wife, whom she thought of as her mother. *Violet is referring to Margot's* father in the diary entry on her first ball: "Grandpapa's necklace made me feel like a *dowager." Roy Jenkins wrote* a sympathetic and gripping biography of H. H. Asquith; he is comfortable with Liberals who glide serenely into public esteem. In his introduction to *Lantern Slides*, however, *the time bomb, which* nearly went off in his account of Asquith's private as well as public life, explodes. Violet read the manuscript of his book; Roy saw her afterwards. She protested too much in her reaction, *furious at the suggestion* that Venetia Stanley, one of her close friends, had a more than friendly relationship with her father. "It cannot be true. Venetia was so *plain*."

The photograph of Venetia *and contemporary comment prove* the opposite. In his book Roy Jenkins refers to Asquith's "great prime-ministerial infatuation and epistolatory romance (and maybe more) with a young woman called Venetia Stanley". For a while Venetia was besotted and it strains credulity to believe that their mutual love was *never* carnal. But as young girls grow older they often begin to prefer *younger, less distinguished,* men; poor Asquith suffered the agony of a jilted youth as gradually she fobbed him off.

When Violet was 18 she disposed of a young man in a more forthright manner. "Do you suppose I don't realise that you've said this dozens of times before to dozens of different people? Do you suppose you are *pleasing me? If* so you must think very very poorly of women in general and me in particular. I delight *in you when you are talking to* the boys but when you're with me I *can't* stand you." She is observant and shrewd, save *when overcome* by bursting love which prompts her to gush embarrassingly. Notwithstanding, *there are hints* of a political mind developing. She was instantly attracted by the young *Winston Churchill* who enjoyed talking to her on political issues as an equal. Their close relationship survived *his marriage to* Clementine, about whose engagement to Winston she wrote to Venetia Stanley: "I had a very ecstatic letter from Clemmy saying all the suitable things. I wonder how *stupid Winston thinks her*."

Violet, as a girl, with her father

This is a book to be dipped into, not to be read chronologically. There is charm and freshness dotted around throughout. *But it would have been more* pleasurable and instructive if there had been considerable pruning, cutting out half the pages. If this were done in the next volume I think it would reach a wider audience, particularly as it might be cheaper as well. One may not read all of *Lantern Slides*, but chunks *of it are very satisfying.*

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### **Roger Scruton** on a doctor's embrace of euthanasia: what are the implications of a licence to kill?

# Not mighty but mundane

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Keizer's confrontation with mortality has older echoes: 18th-century engraving of the Dance of Death

Modern medicine has brought *relief* and suffering in equal measure. While we are young and sturdy, it arms us against disease, nurses our injuries, and soothes our pains. When health begins to fail, however, it brings *pain, loneliness* and *humiliation*, as the futile battle with our common fate is fought and lost in every corner of the body.

The Dutch *have devised a solution* to this problem — legalised euthanasia. Dutch doctors now have the right to administer the kiss of death, *on condition that the patient is* terminally ill and consents to his own extinction. (But is that something *that you can really consent to?* Can you consent to that which removes the possibility of consent?) *Dancing with Mr D* tells the story of *this new medical vocation.*

Dr Keizer works in a hospice for the terminally ill. He is a lapsed Roman Catholic, whose remembered faith gives poignancy to his tales of dying. He sees his patients as people who were promised eternal life, and who may or may not know that the promise will never be honoured. Keizer also has a degree *in philosophy from Nottingham* University, quotes frequently from Wittgenstein, and shores up his scepticism with familiar arguments.

Convinced that life is all we have, and that nothing lies beyond the grave save infinite nothingness, Keizer takes comfort in the fact that there is nevertheless something that he, as a doctor, can give the dying, namely death. *Yet he loves life, is* fascinated by his fellow human beings, and has an eye for character and drama. *It is* a commonplace that death comes to all of us, and that we are equal at the last. But Keizer *shows that we are not equal at all* — that there are as many ways of dying as there are kinds of human character.

Keizer's patients come from all walks of life, and bring to their last encounter contrasting stores of wisdom, emotion and *memory*. Keizer writes of their ends with wit and style. But the most remarkable *feature of his book is the moral* integrity of the writer, and the unforced good nature which causes *him* to respect the dignity of every patient, however troublesome, and however decayed.

DANCING WITH MR D
**By Bert Keizer**
*Doubleday, £9.99*
*ISBN 0 385 40798 X*

Respecting another's dignity does not mean deferring to him. The *dignity of a criminal* is respected by punishing him; the dignity of the selfish and the irresponsible is respected by reproving them. Dr Keizer pursues the more despicable of his charges to the very end with *his indignation; towards others he* responds with an affectionate simplicity that is all the more remarkable in view of his professional stance of *deep disillusion*.

"It seems so rude to stare at a dead person, they can't stare back." "A dying person doesn't wrestle with death as Proust says, but with a crease in the sheets that makes him uncomfortable . . . " That is Keizer's style: frank, funny and scattered with epigrams. His descriptions of diseases express a sense that he too *might at any moment* fall victim to them: he searches his patients for the *knowledge of what it will be like* when a cerebral haemorrhage plunges him into darkness.

His vignettes of the dying are therefore also anticipations, a kind of diary of possible worlds, juxtaposed with amusing and ironical portraits of Jaarsma, his fellow *doctor, and Mieke, the* rough and ready nurse. Death, for Dr Keizer, is an inexhaustible topic of thought and conversation, *all the more fascinating* in that nothing can be said about it — for, in Wittgenstein's words, "death is not an event in life . . . our life has no *end just in the way that* our visual field has no limits".

All this is sufficiently interesting to recommend Keizer's book, as a kind of secular *ars moriendi*. Yet more interesting, however, are the frontline reports from the field of euthanasia. Keizer gives an extraordinary account of the ease with which Dutch doctors can obtain a licence to kill, of the matter-of-fact way in which the fatal dose is administered *(there being no other way that could* make euthanasia seem like a *medical* procedure), and of the frequently blasé approach of the relatives.

Keizer's meticulous cultivation of friendship towards his patients may be a way of compensating for the fact that he is not the opponent but the accomplice of their death. At any rate, *it is difficult to read his eerie stories without* qualms. If all doctors were as conscientious and as troubled as Dr Keizer, you could trust *them to manage your death to your* own satisfaction. But, given human nature, it is more likely to be managed *to the satisfaction of your* nearest and dearest. And as atheism, cynicism and the practice of euthanasia spread, your nearest and dearest will be less and less near, and less and less dear.

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# What happened after the lady vanished

### Erica Wagner

I WAS AMELIA EARHART
**By Jane Mendelsohn**
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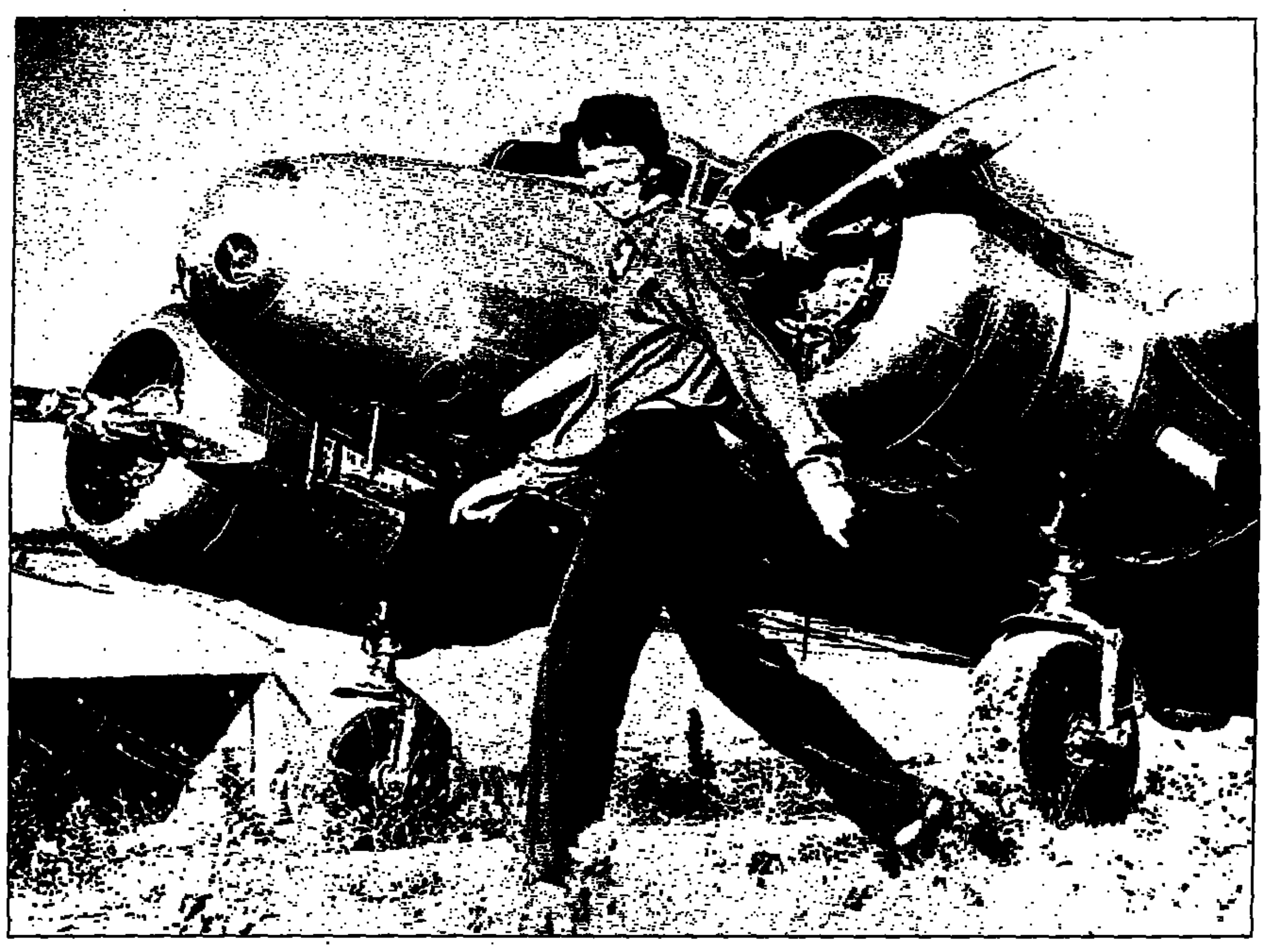

Myth brought to life: Earhart, on the eve of her attempted flight around the world, with her Lockheed Electra (1937)

In the spring of 1937, Amelia *Earhart set off* with her navigator, Fred Noonan, to fly around the world. *The flight* was to have been the culmination of a remarkable career. Earhart was the first woman to fly solo *across the Atlantic; the first* person to fly alone from Honolulu to California. Her *exploits, as well as her pixie face* and mannish style, made her an icon of American derring-do: she was Kate Hepburn for *real*.

But Earhart and Noonan's plane vanished. Her disappearance was haunting, and the possibility of her survival hung in the national *consciousness*. This fine first novel gives Earhart's ghost a voice.

Jane Mendelsohn, a New *Yorker*, takes up where the facts leave off: the flyer and her drunken navigator land, intact, on a *remote* Pacific island. They were lost: the crash is Noonan's fault, he *shouldn't have been drinking*. They could not make contact with any other plane or ship: the crash is Earhart's fault, she wouldn't carry a heavy trailing wire for their radio. The story journeys from *blame, through desperation* and recollection and into love. Slipping between the first and third person, between present and past, Mendelsohn makes her fictional Amelia Earhart a poignant synthesis of myth and humanity.

That it is not an original premise to put characters on a desert island in order to isolate their reactions to their lives *and to each other — the idea* encompasses Defoe and Plomley — does not matter. What matters is Mendelsohn's control over her material. She has imagined a woman who has built herself into exactly *what she wanted to be* ("As far back as she could remember, she always wanted to be a *heroine*") but also allowed herself to be built — by her husband, the publisher G. P. Putnam, and by her father, a *failed tinkerer who instilled in* his daughter a love of the beauty of machines.

The first *half* of the book presents us with this constructed image; the second, like a mechanic stripping down an engine, *takes it apart*. Stranded on their island, Earhart and Noonan spar and court. Her Lockheed Electra, emblem of her personality, is stilled on a reef flat: *she is forced to find* inside of her another, earthbound Amelia. Mendelsohn is *not afraid of fable and symbol:* she allows the electricity between her two characters to build until it is released in a storm of lightning and rain that drives them apart and then finally together. They let *go of everything except each other*: "The way of life is wonderful, she remembered. It is by abandonment."

Heroines die young. Mendelsohn's Earhart abandons *her heroine self for a life that even she cannot destroy*, despite a last, reckless flight in her beloved Electra. The writing *is enraptured by the* wonder of flight in a way that *seems to belong to an earlier* age — of Lindbergh or St-Exupéry — but is also immediately, *insistently physical:* "Her metal skeleton scrapes the atmosphere which seems to rupture as she passes, healing behind her as she passes, sucking her through again and again." Jane *Mendelsohn has disentangled* the woman from the machine, *the heroine from the human*, and created an original and compelling romance of love *and flight*. "The *story* was incredible to her, and for a moment it seemed as if everyone's story was fictional, as if all that was real were the bystanders, the people who told and retold the stories, not *the characters themselves*."

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# The father of revolutions

### James Miles

*GOD'S CHINESE SON*
***By Jonathan Spence***
*HarperCollins, £20*
*ISBN 0 00 255584 0*

Jonathan Spence's enthralling biography of the cult leader who *initiated* the *bloodiest* civil war in human history both enhances our understanding of a key *period in modern* China's evolution and helps to explain why the country's rulers are so alarmed by *signs that similar* cultists are finding increasingly receptive audiences among Chinese peasants today.

*In the mid-19th century*, Hong Xiuquan, who called himself the younger brother of Jesus Christ, launched a peasant *revolt against* the decaying Ch'ing Dynasty. Within a couple of years, the once impoverished schoolteacher had gained control of a vast area of eastern China extending some 350 miles from north to south and a similar distance *east to west. This he* called his Heavenly Kingdom, with its Heavenly Capital in Nanking.

By the time the uprising was finally *crushed in 1864 some 20 million* people had died. During his 11 years as Heavenly King in Nanking, however, Hong had established a *model for peasant* rebellion that was studied and admired by later revolutionaries whose names are better known in the West than that *of God's* Chinese son, *most* notably Sun Yat-sen and Mao Tse-tung.

With the storyteller's art that has made him one *of the best-known* contemporary Chinese historians. Spence describes the milieu in which Hong developed his often *bizarre-sounding religious* ideas. It was a China that was reluctantly beginning to open doors to the outside world after its defeat in the Opium War with Britain. With the foreign traders came missionaries who, *much to the disapproval* of the Ch'ing Government, translated their Christian *texts into Chinese* and distributed them widely. Hong, disappointed by *his repeated failure* to pass the examinations for the civil service, *found inspiration* in the foreigners' message. What he read convinced *him* that a vivid dream he had had while ill was in fact an encounter with God.

Spence *does not attempt to draw parallels* between the growth of the Taiping movement and the resurgence in today's China of *millenarian sects, some of* which draw on a similar mix of Christianity and folk religion. But the reader *should bear in mind that there is much* in Hong's attitude to the world around him and his dreams of divine grandeur that is strikingly *familiar in the countryside* of *China* under Deng Xiaoping.

In January this year, a Chinese firing squad executed Wu Yang-ming, the leader of a millenarian sect which operated *clandestinely in much the* same area as that once controlled by the Taipings. Wu claimed *to be Jesus Christ* and told his followers that he could save them from apocalyptic destruction, which *he said* would occur in the year 2000. His sect allegedly called for the overthrow of the Communist Party and the establishment of a new country with Wu as emperor.

The Chinese authorities called Wu's sect, which *founded* numerous cells in rural eastern China and had followers *in several big* cities around the country, the biggest group of "counter-revolutionary hooligans" *uncovered in China* since the founding of the communist state in 1949. They accused Wu of raping many of his *female* followers, as well as of "heresy".

To the authorities in Peking, reports of millenarian cult activity in the countryside are *more* than just the intriguing sideshows that they often seem to Western readers. The Taiping Rebellion may have inspired *China's communist* leaders in their revolutionary days, but now it haunts them. Official journals admit that party *organisation* is crumbling in the countryside as religious and clan forces grow *rapidly in strength*.

As the Peking magazine *Pursuit of Truth* put it recently, "some peasants who are party members have put the party's regulations at the back of *their minds and have* completely forgotten the pledges they made when they joined. Now they show utter devotion to religion and superstition." The article ascribed this phenomenon to the "ideological confusion" caused by reform.

Hong's Taipings flourished in the mid-19th century in an empire drained of its strength by corruption, where secret societies and bandit gangs controlled *much of the countryside*. Communist China today is still far more orderly than it was under the late Ch'ing *Dynasty, but the seeds of* unrest are spreading as crime soars, corruption becomes ever *more* rampant, and millions of peasants roam the country in search of work. Spence's book helps us to understand how a seemingly odd-ball visionary can help such seeds to grow.

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# Refuge from the troubles at home

TALES of the white man in Africa have prodded humanity *for some time now. For this* third novel, *Stone Kingdoms* (Phoenix House, £14.99, ISBN 1 897580 33 9), David Park has updated the genre, exporting earlier themes of trauma and reconciliation in Northern Ireland to a Rwanda-style regime. His narrator, Naomi, is a teacher, and her escape from *the Troubles as an aid worker* presents a blacker, less optimistic view of good intentions.

Naomi is complex enough *for a start. The red-haired* daughter of a Northern Irish Protestant minister, she has grown up in Donegal, an Ulster county which is part of the Republic. Her Orangeman father keeps her apart from the natives. Every summer he *sets off to march in* bowler hat and sash, displaying the same grim determination with which he swims in the Atlantic *throughout the year. When he* eventually abandons the struggle and allows himself to be swept away by the tide, the metaphors *are inescapable*.

His wife, too, is more emblematic then real. Her bemused smile at male *obsession is presented as* noble, but grates when replicated in her modern, university-educated daughter. Yet for all her sensitivity, Naomi *is* a product of the Me Generation. She seems conscienceless when her presence in a deserted *relief camp causes* bloodshed; there is no breast beating when she runs away with a woman refugee, abandoning her lover's dependent family to their fate.

Yet for all such contradictions, this is a rich and deeply thoughtful book. Park writes prose like a poet; and the *invisible lines of national* borders and tribal territory are etched into a text which rolls freely through time and place. *Most strikingly*, no matter how far these characters travel, television has gone before.

The question most repeated is "Why did you come here?" The traditional white man's answer implicitly remains, "To find myself." Certainly, Naomi's experiences confer personal freedoms. But her argument that the blundering relief agencies *should* pull out *and leave the warring factions* to work things out for themselves is never properly presented. Ironically, such a *solution looks even more* difficult when applied closer to home. Despite Park's sincere belief in the power of love, it is an *adventure on which* few inhabitants of his own Six Counties would be prepared to embark.

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# Davies on course for careful drivers

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN SOUTHERN PINES
NORTH CAROLINA

NOBODY ever accused Babe Zaharias, as great a showwoman and publicist as she was a golfer, of thinking small. Before the US Women's Open Championship was even thought of, she came up with a great wheeze. "We'll put out the word that we're having a women's Open and that we're playing for $10,000," she said. "That'll get everybody's attention."

It was an unheard of amount of money for a women's event and Zaharias had no intention of raising it. "None of you will be getting paid," she told the other players. Today, the 51st US Women's Open starts at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club here with a field of 150 players from all over the world, a purse of $1.2 million (about £810,000) and a first prize of $212,500.

Sorenstam: accurate

"It blows my mind that they'd ever be playing for that kind of money," Peggy Kirk Bell, the talisman of this year's Open, said. Bell was a good friend and playing partner of Zaharias and she and her family have owned and run Pine Needles since the early 1950s. Hosting the Open is the realisation of a dream for Bell, one of the game's great teachers, and she has been on the stump throughout the state, informing, cajoling and enticing people to be here this week. The week's good cause is the prevention and detection of breast cancer in North Carolina. There is an advisory committee made up of the most influential women in the state and Jim Hunt, the Governor, has declared it "the week of the woman". They are taking the Open seriously.

So is Laura Davies, the champion in 1987. Davies, the world No 1, who is still thrilled after winning $340,000 in a "skins" game in Texas last Sunday, recognises the importance of the Open. "The only time I play a practice round all year is the US Open," she said, "and I'm playing two of them."

Davies loves the course, which was opened in 1927 and designed by Donald Ross, an architect who eschewed trickery but is still making players think. "This is probably the best course I've played since I started coming to the Open in 1986," she said.

It measures only 6,207 yards, but it is playing long and the par is a demanding 70. Only the 1st and the 10th holes are par fives, but Davies can reach them both in two and described the course as "a massive succession of tough par fours".

The final five holes have been designated "tough" by everyone who has played them, but Davies will not be trying to overpower them. She came to grief at The Broadmoor last year and had a poor Open as a result. "I tried to be too aggressive and it didn't work," she said. "I'll only be using my driver on a few holes because it's vital to keep the ball in the short stuff."

Annika Sorenstam, the defending champion, and Karrie Webb, of Australia, who leads the United States money-list and is playing in her first US Open, are experts at that. So are Meg Mallon, the champion in 1991, runner-up last year and winner of two events already this season, and Liselotte Neumann, the first Swede to win the title, in 1988.

IAN STEWART

Montgomerie, seen firing the ball in towards the green, will be trying yet another new putter in Germany.

# Montgomerie awaits green light

FROM MEL WEBB
IN HAMBURG

A PAUCITY of par-breaking putts of late has left Colin Montgomerie a frustrated golfer. He has been giving himself birdie chances by the basketful, but knows he has not taken nearly enough of them. Some might go to a coach to check on the stroke, others may raid the professional's shop and walk away with the latest in green machines. Montgomerie has no need to buy himself a new putter — he has more than you could shake a flagstick at.

Montgomerie, who appears in the Deutsche Bank Open that starts at Gut Kaden today, is something of an anorak when it comes to putters. He admitted yesterday to having more than 50 of them, and quite often takes a fistful along to tournaments.

They do not lay idle, either. Last weekend, he used a different one every day in the Volvo PGA Championship and still finished tied for seventh. The week before that, he got extremely shirty with himself at the Benson and Hedges International with the greens that got away. He finished tied for ninth. It must be dreadful to be so unutterably awful at the game.

Montgomerie has a theory about his lapses on the emerald dance-floor. "Putting hasn't got a lot to do with golf and yet you hit half of your shots with your putter," he said. "In my case, rather more than half at the moment." Then, as though sharing a confidence with friends: "It's not a technical thing, you know: it's all upstairs that the problems start." As he spoke, he tapped his cranium — anybody who has ever been visited by the yips, that awful, St Vitus's dance of a putting stroke, would identify readily.

Why, then, has he taken up with the new putter that he acquired a month or so ago and is going to use for the first time in competition this week? "I don't know, really," he said reflectively. "It's got a bit more loft, so I'm not hitting the ball into the ground so much, but that's got nothing to do with it really — it's all in the mind.

"I also change putters too often. I used a different one every day at the Tournament Players' Championship in America earlier in the year, did the same at the Spanish Open last year and again at Wentworth last week."

So, after flirting with endless permutations (any four from 50 does give a more than reasonable degree of variety), might it be peace at last with the shortest club in his bag? "Yes," he said. "Definitely, yes. Perhaps I'll only take this one to the US Open with me next month." A likely story.

Finally, if things were to get really bad, he was asked, would he consider trying a broomhandle putter? "No, no, never," he said firmly. "I'd take up tennis before I'd use one of them." The feeling is that the Grand Canyon will freeze over before Montgomerie will succumb to the long job, or, for that matter, any sport that involves thinly-cut cucumber sandwiches with the crusts cut off.

## Dwyer finds his stroke

PAUL DWYER knocked seven shots off his five-over-par morning round of 75 to return a 68 — the best round of the day — in the afternoon and become joint 36-hole leader in the Lagonda Trophy golf tournament at Gog Magog, Cambridge, yesterday. Dwyer, from Clitheroe, made his mark early in the second round, sinking a series of testing putts.

Also on 143 were David Quinney, of Haverhill, who looked impressive with rounds of 70 and 73, and Chris Smith, a Yorkshireman, with 72 and 71. The leading trio were followed by a group on 145, among them Robert McQuirk, of Sandwich, a semi-finalist in the 1995 English Amateur Championship, and Peter Fenton, a winner of the Brabazon Trophy.

# Armstrong partners Chalmers as Scotland switch sides

FROM MARK SOUSTER
IN WHANGEREI
NEW ZEALAND

SCOTLAND have named the 15 players who sat out the opening match against Wanganui in the side to play Northland in Whangerei tomorrow on the second leg of their rugby union tour of New Zealand. It means that Gary Armstrong and Craig Chalmers will play together at half back for the first time since 1993, when Scotland lost to England at Twickenham.

The squad arrived in Whangerei, two hours to the north of Auckland by road, heartened by their performance in the victory on Tuesday, but aware that Northland, coached by Sid Going, the former All Black, will be a tougher proposition. The Scotland XV, though, is also more experienced than that which played Wanganui and includes 11 players who should play in the first international, in Dunedin on June 15.

Northland narrowly missed promotion to the first division of the national league last season and Going's experience as deputy coach at the Waikato Chiefs during the recent Super 12 series, played under new scrum and lineout laws, will be invaluable.

Jim Telfer, the Scotland manager, said: "Northland will be harder and Sid Going is a tricky customer. I remember playing against them when there were four of them [Goings] in the side. They are a strong team and will certainly be keen to come at us."

Northland are led by Glen Taylor, the blindside flanker, who confronts Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, playing his first competitive match for five weeks after injury. Taylor and Norm Berryman, the right wing, are both All Black possibles but miss the New Zealand trial on Saturday to face Scotland. The Going dynasty is extended with the inclusion of Milton, the coach's son, at centre.

SCOTLAND XV: R Shepherd (Melrose); A Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), R Eriksson (London Scottish), K Logan (Stirling County); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Newcastle); P Wright (Boroughmuir), G Ellis (Currie), T Smith (Watsonians), I Smith (Gloucester), S Campbell (Dundee High School FP), G Weir (Newcastle), R Wainwright (Watsonians, captain), B Renwick (Hawick).

# Billington's Olympic credentials examined

GEOFF BILLINGTON, the favourite to take the fourth place in the British showjumping team for the Olympic Games in Atlanta, comes under the scrutiny of the selectors this weekend when he competes at the Enza New Zealand Nations' Cup meeting at Hickstead.

Five countries are contesting the cup tomorrow: Great Britain, the holders, Belgium, France, Germany and Ireland. The £36,000 Grand Prix, in which Billington, on It's Otto, was runner-up last year, takes place on Saturday.

Although not a selection trial, Hickstead is an important part of the build-up for Atlanta. "The Nations' Cup is always the best indication of form," Michael Bullman, the chairman of the selectors, said yesterday. "In a grand prix, it's each rider for himself, but a Nations' Cup tells you how a rider reacts under pressure."

## Four to fore

**Rowing:** A total of 14 Great Britain crews; three qualified Olympic boats and several potential world championship combinations will race in the Lucerne regatta this weekend. After the withdrawal of three Olympic-qualified crews, the task of spearheading the team lies largely on the coxless four of Tim Foster, Greg Searle, Jonny Searle and Rupert Obholzer.

## White time

**Polo:** The contest for Cirencester polo club's high-goal Warwickshire Cup reached the semi-final phase on Kerry Packer's grounds at Stedham, Sussex, yesterday. Packer's Ellerston White team defeated Sheikh Ali Albwardi's team, of Dubai, 12-7 over six chukkas.

ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, J Daniels (5); 2, X Novillo (8); 3, G Pieres (10); back, B Smith (1).
DUBAI: 1, A [illegible]; 2, G Gilmore (6); 3, M Heguy (10); back, R Thame (5).

## Cipollini victory

**Cycling:** Mario Cipollini delighted his home supporters with his third stage win in the eleventh stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday, leading a bunch finish along the coast road in Marino di Massa.

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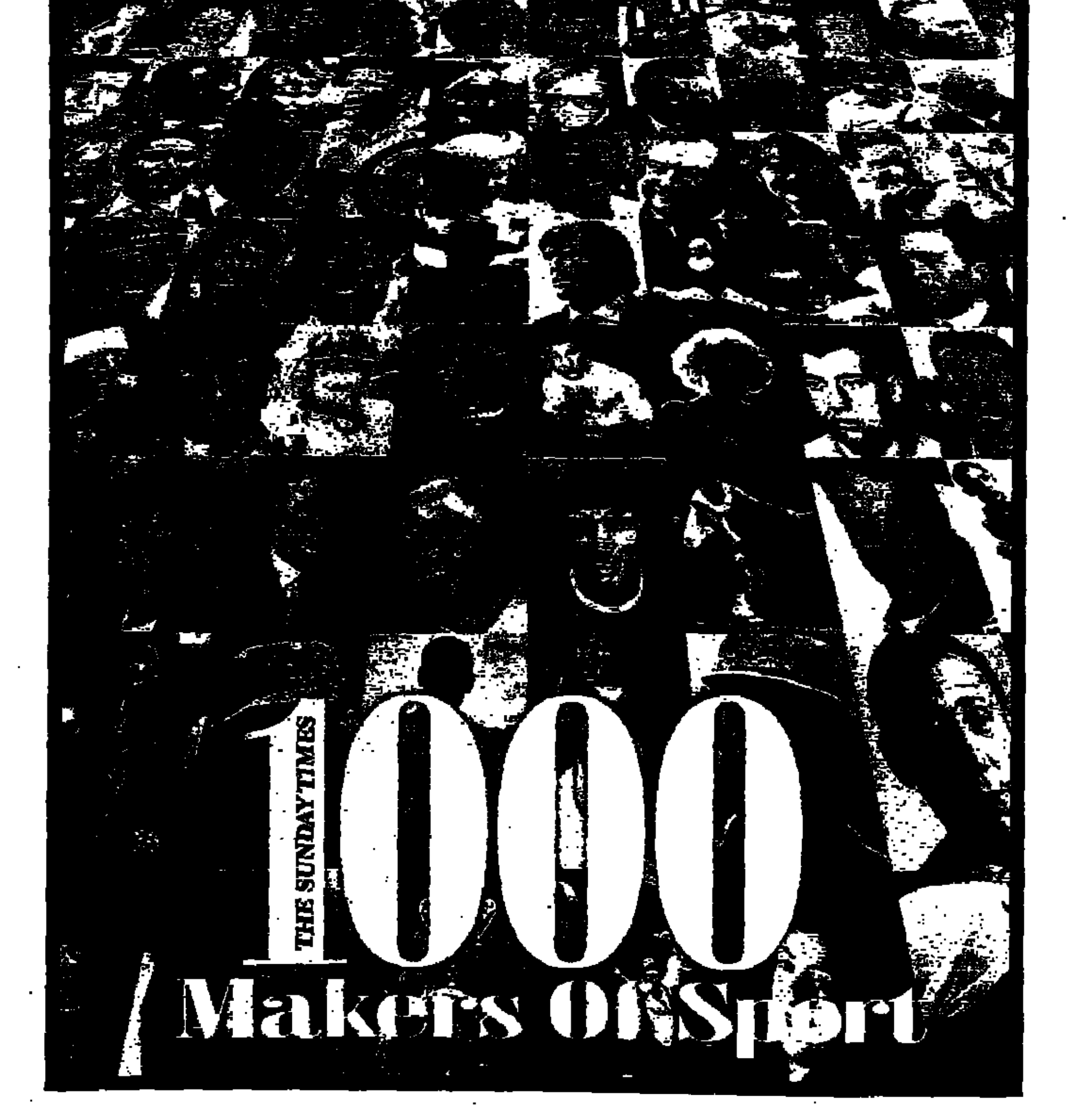

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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

A correspondent sent me this exciting rubber-bridge deal. It cetainly led to a lively post-mortem.

**Dealer South** **Game All** **Rubber bridge**

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
|  | ♠K<br>♥K62<br>♦AQ83<br>♣KJ1098 |  |
| ♠AQJ1075<br>♥Q109843<br>♦-<br>♣2 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠986432<br>♥A75<br>♦5<br>♣754 |
|  | ♠-<br>♥J<br>♦KJ1097642<br>♣AQ63 |  |

| S | W | N | E |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4♦ | 4♠ | 5♦ | 5♠ |
| Pass | Pass | 6♦ | Pass |
| Pass | 6♥ | Dble | 6♠ |
| 7♦ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Contract: Seven Diamonds Doubled, by South Lead: Ace of spades

South ruffed the opening lead and her jack of hearts later went away on the long club, +2330. This was a huge swing. Quite apart from failing to beat Seven Diamonds, East/West might have made Seven Spades on a diamond lead. There are two ways to try to bring in the heart suit without loser — play for singleton king with North, or singleton jack with South. After the opening pre-empt, the latter is more likely.

South's Seven Diamonds was open to question — after pre-empting, it is usually not correct to bid again. However, with such a wild distribution, it was a reasonable shot after North could not double Six Spades.

What about West's lead? It was probable that North/South had some sort of club fit, so, if East had a sure trick in that suit, it would not run away. West also knew that South was highly likely to be void in at least one of the majors. So which major to lead? The only small clue, after North's double of Six Hearts, was that partner probably had more spades than hearts and, therefore, South was more likely to be void in spades. Finally, East might well have taken insurance in Seven Spades.

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AD CAPTANDUM
a. An ambush
b. A billboard
c. Crowd-pleasing

AD CRUMENAM
a. To the purse
b. A centenary
c. With vinegar

DECATISE
a. To divide by ten
b. To slay cats
c. To steam cloth

GODET
a. To wait for something
b. A small god
c. A triangular piece

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# KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Win for Slough

The team from Slough, packed with five former British champions — Adams, Hennigan, Hodgson, Miles and Speelman — has emerged triumphant in the Four Nations Chess League. The top scores were: Slough 24/26, Midland Monarchs 23, British Chess Magazine and Wood Green 19. A total of 14 teams from around the British Isles joined in the fiercely contested competition.

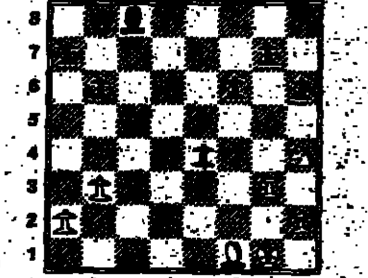
**White:** John Emms (Wood Green)
**Black:** Jon Speelman (Slough)
Four Nations League
May 1996

Caro-Kann defence

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | e4 | c6 |
| 2 | d4 | d5 |
| 3 | Nd2 | dxe4 |
| 4 | Nxe4 | Nd7 |
| 5 | Ng5 | Ngf6 |
| 6 | Bd3 | e6 |
| 7 | N1f3 | Bd6 |
| 8 | 0-0 | h6 |
| 9 | Ne4 | Nxe4 |
| 10 | Bxe4 | Qc7 |
| 11 | Re1 | b6 |
| 12 | b3 | Bb7 |
| 13 | Bb2 | 0-0-0 |
| 14 | Qe2 | Kb8 |
| 15 | Bd3 | c5 |
| 16 | dxc5 | Nxc5 |
| 17 | Rad1 | f6 |
| 18 | Bc4 | e5 |
| 19 | Nh4 | Ne4 |
| 20 | Bd3 | Nxd2 |
| 21 | Qxd2 | Bc5 |
| 22 | Re3 | e4 |
| 23 | Be2 | Rxd1+ |
| 24 | Bxd1 | Rd8 |
| 25 | Bg4 | Bc8 |
| 26 | Bh5 | Rd5 |
| 27 | Be2 | Rd2 |
| 28 | Bc3 | Rxc2 |
| 29 | Be1 | Rc1 |
| 30 | Bf1 | Rxe1 |
| 31 | Qxe1 | Qf4 |
| 32 | g3 | Qxe3+ |
| 33 | Qxe3 | Bxe3+ |

White resigns

Diagram of final position



**White:** Julian Hodgson (Slough)
**Black:** Alan Hanreck (Hertford)
Four Nations, May 1996

Trompovsky attack

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | d4 | Nf6 |
| 2 | Bg5 | Ne4 |
| 3 | Bf4 | d6 |
| 4 | f3 | Nf6 |
| 5 | Nc3 | Nbd7 |
| 6 | e4 | e5 |
| 7 | Be3 | Be7 |
| 8 | Nge2 | c6 |
| 9 | a4 | Qa5 |
| 10 | g4 | h6 |
| 11 | Ng3 | d5 |
| 12 | Nf5 | Bf8 |
| 13 | Bg2 | dxe4 |
| 14 | fxe4 | g6 |
| 15 | dxe5 | gxf5 |
| 16 | exd6 | fxg4 |
| 17 | Rf1 | Ne5 |
| 18 | Qd4 | Bxd6 |
| 19 | 0-0-0 | Nc4 |
| 20 | Bg1 | c5 |
| 21 | Qxc4 | Bxc4 |
| 22 | e5 | [illegible] |
| 23 | Be3 | Bh6 |
| 24 | Bxh6 | Rxh6 |
| 25 | Bxf7 | Rb8 |
| 26 | Be6+ | Kf8 |
| 27 | Rf4 | Be6 |

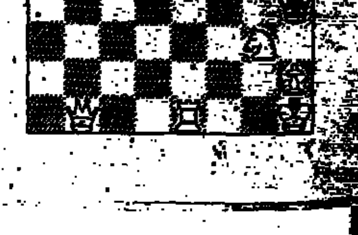
White resigns

In the Seville tournament, there has been a free day. Reports will resume tomorrow.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Karpov — Nikolic, Skelleftea, 1989. Although Karpov is two pawns down, he has a dangerous passed pawn on d7 and the black king is very exposed. How did he now capitalise on these two factors to score a quick win?



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### Fitness worries for Scotland

# Brown gambles on McCoist's instant remedies

FROM KEVIN McCARRA IN MIAMI

WITHOUT fuss or alarm, Scotland were able to confirm yesterday that the 22 players on the tour to the United States will make up the squad at the European championship finals. The calm, however, cannot entirely conceal a certain stoicism. So far, the trip has not suggested that an effective team is coalescing.

On Sunday, after the defeat by the United States in Connecticut, the footballers, *en route* to Miami, limped through Hartford airport, their feet aching from an afternoon on a hard pitch that sent every stud jamming into their soles.

The blisters have healed a little since then, but progress, in other senses, is still painfully slow.

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, might, for example, have wished to give Gordon Durie, of Rangers, and Scott Booth, of Aberdeen, another outing together in attack, since they appear the most promising pairing, but neither was able to start the match against Colombia last night since they are both carrying niggling injuries.

Their places in the starting line-up were taken by John Spencer, of Chelsea, and Ally McCoist, of Rangers. The latter's availability at least brought some comfort, for there had been concern about him since he had not played since May 4 and missed the Tennents Scottish Cup final with a calf strain.

That may be a trivial ailment for a footballer, but McCoist's season has been bedevilled by such little problems. He, with Stewart McKimmie, of Aberdeen, and Billy McKinlay, of Blackburn Roves, was kept behind after training on Tuesday for an intensive session of sprinting and running that was supposed to demonstrate that the trio have made a full recovery from their injuries.

All three completed the programme, but, as Brown knows, that alone does not prove that they will stand up to the gruelling programme of three matches in nine days, against Holland, England and Switzerland, at the European championship.

In the case of McCoist, particularly, the manager must surely plan to use him sparingly. That, of course, is not the sort of strategy that Brown would prefer to have forced upon him.

A few weeks ago, when the finals were still just an enticing prospect, he spoke of his desire to involve only players who were in peak condition. In the end, however, there are always compromises to be made by a small nation such as Scotland.

Brown could scarcely afford to discard McCoist when there are so few other contenders. He knows, too, that the forward can still be telling when short of match fitness. McCoist proved it in the qualifiers, when he went on as a substitute against Greece at Hampden Park and almost immediately headed the winning goal.

There are other cases, too, where Brown is left waiting for players to demonstrate that they can be as effective again as they were in the past. The team's morale has always stemmed from a faith in its unyielding defence, but defeat in matches against Denmark and the United States stemmed from elementary errors.

Scotland must proceed on the assumption that Colin Hendry, the Blackburn central defender, and the others will once more form a compact unit when there is serious action to concentrate their minds.

The difficulties may arise from the sheer mental weariness of players being forced through a season of unnatural length. Scotland came to the United States, with its guaranteed comforts, because a spot of pampering will assist the process of regeneration. The results here matter little so long as the squad returns soothed and with the benefit of practice.

*Brown: compromise*

*McCoist: problems*

SCOTLAND SQUAD FOR EURO 96

| Name | Club | Age | Caps | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Goalkeepers** | | | | |
| J Leighton | Hibernian | 37 | 74 | 0 |
| A Goram | Rangers | 32 | 35 | 0 |
| N Walker | Partick | 33 | 2 | 0 |
| **Defenders** | | | | |
| C Burley | Chelsea | 24 | 8 | 0 |
| S McKimmie | Aberdeen | 33 | 37 | 1 |
| T Boyd | Celtic | 30 | 34 | 0 |
| T McKinlay | Celtic | 31 | 3 | 0 |
| C Hendry | Blackburn | 30 | 17 | 1 |
| C Calderwood | Tottenham | 31 | 10 | 1 |
| D Whyte | Middlesbrough | 27 | 9 | 0 |
| **Midfield players** | | | | |
| E Jess | Coventry | 25 | 11 | 1 |
| G McAllister | Leeds | 31 | 40 | 4 |
| S McCall | Rangers | 31 | 33 | 1 |
| B McKinlay | Blackburn | 27 | 17 | 4 |
| J Collins | Celtic | 28 | 32 | 8 |
| S Gemmill | Nottm Forest | 25 | 6 | 0 |
| D Jackson | Hibernian | 29 | 12 | 0 |
| **Forwards** | | | | |
| A McCoist | Rangers | 33 | 51 | 18 |
| G Durie | Rangers | 30 | 28 | 5 |
| S Booth | Aberdeen | 24 | 11 | 5 |
| J Spencer | Chelsea | 25 | 8 | 0 |
| K Gallacher | Blackburn | 29 | 21 | 2 |

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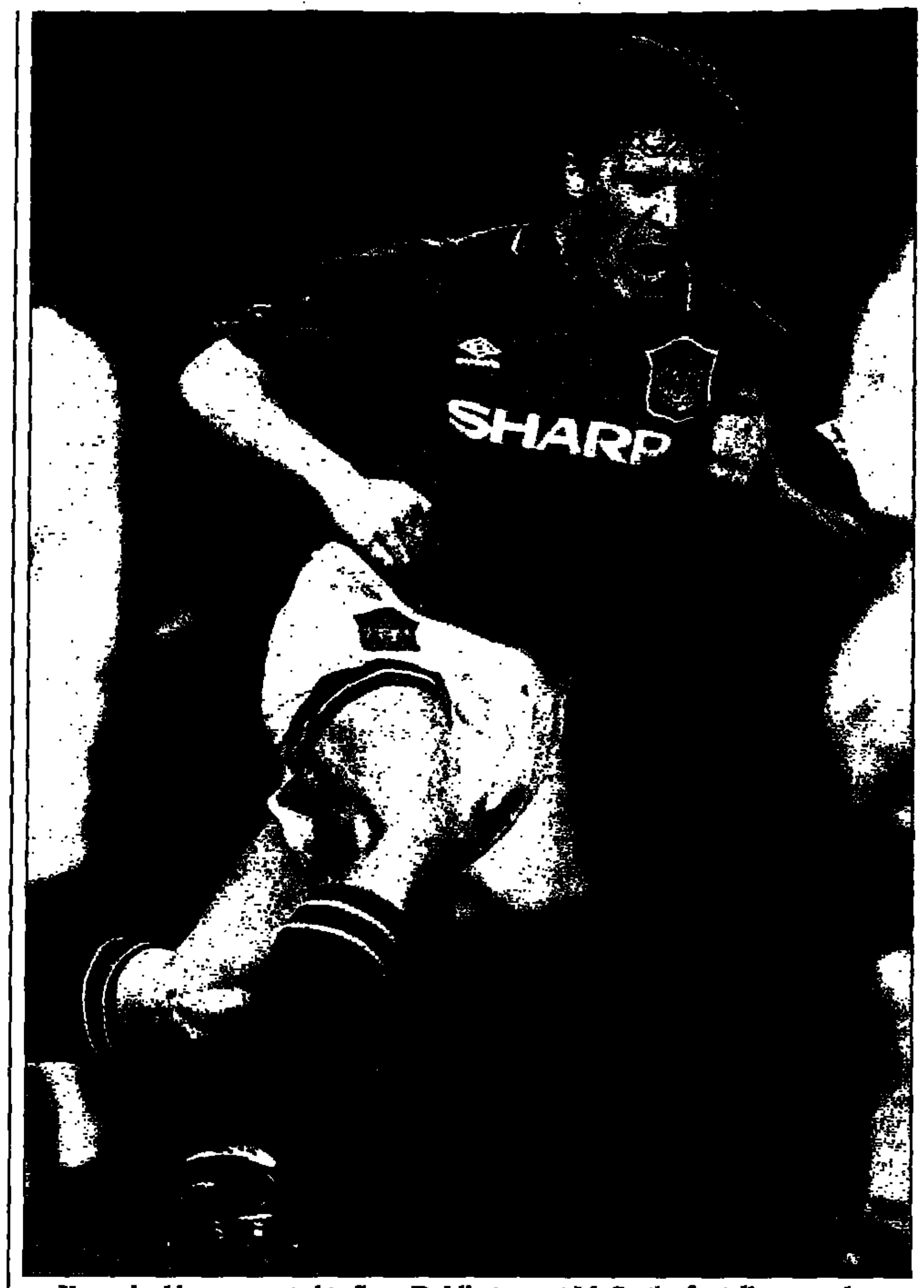


*Keane had been expected to fly to Dublin to meet McCarthy for talks yesterday*

# Keane in hoax call mystery

BY PETER BALL

ROY KEANE'S test of the authority — or tolerance — of Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, became even more pronounced yesterday. The player's absence from the Ireland squad threatened to turn from mystery into farce with hoax telephone calls and missed assignments entering the plot.

Keane failed again to contact McCarthy before last night's game against Portugal, although he had been expected to arrive in Dublin yesterday for talks. A telephone call, purporting to come from the Manchester United player, reached the manager on Tuesday. It subsequently turned out that the call had been made by a hoaxer.

"This crank has done no one any favours," McCarthy said when the trick was revealed. "It puts it all back to square one. Roy has not been in touch." By lunchtime yesterday, McCarthy's patience was wearing thin as there was still no sign of Keane. McCarthy left the team hotel, saying: "I can't hang around waiting for him all day."

Keane's continuing silence, now that he is believed to be back in England, is perplexing. There were further reports that he had got married last week while in Italy, but whether that is sufficient explanation for his behaviour is questionable.

McCarthy had only scant sympathy for explanations that the pressure of United's pursuit of the double had taken its toll. "If he'd told me after the Cup Final that he needed a break, I'd have accepted it," he said, "but it's far easier for Roy Keane to be here after winning a double than it is for Niall Quinn, who's been battling against relegation all season, or Dave Savage, who's been relegated — but they are here and Roy isn't."

The first woman chairman in British football walked into her new post yesterday and dismissed her manager. Vicki Oyston, the wife of the Blackpool owner, Owen Oyston, who is in prison, dismissed Sam Allardyce. At the same time, Phil Brown, Allardyce's No 2 and a former Bolton Wanderers player, announced that he was returning to Burnden Park as chief coach.

Allardyce, who joined Blackpool in 1994 and had worked without a contract, led the club to their best position in 20 years, but narrowly failed to secure Endsleigh Insurance League first division football next season when they lost to Bradford City in the play-offs.

Ipswich Town have made their second signing of the close season. Bobby Petta, 21, from Feyenoord, the Dutch club, is a midfield player and under-21 international. He will cost Ipswich nothing as he was out of contract. The move follows the signing of another midfield player last week, Danny Sonner, 24, from Preussen, of Germany, also on a free transfer.

Martin O'Neill, the Leicester City manager, who has been given £5 million to try to keep the newly-promoted club in the FA Carling Premiership next season, is ready to make Spencer Prior, the Norwich City defender, his first signing.

# Havelange facing stiff opposition to plan for World Cup

BY DAVID MILLER

THE European and African members of Fifa's executive committee are confident that they can force a debate, tomorrow or Saturday in Zurich, on the co-hosting of the World Cup for 2002. A vote is scheduled to be taken on Saturday between Japan and South Korea, intense rivals who have spent many millions of dollars campaigning against each other for more than two years.

João Havelange, the president of football's world governing body, who effectively promised the World Cup to Japan and has openly supported their lobbying, was reported yesterday to have told South American newspapers that co-hosting would take place "over my dead body". Events are converging that could produce an embarrassing weekend for the man who has ruled Fifa for 22 years.

So determined is the Europe and Africa contention that there will be a request for either Fifa's auditors or representatives from each continental confederation to scrutinise the ballot papers. Europe has eight members on the 21-strong executive and Africa three. They, therefore, hold a majority if united and, unless any member is lying or defects at the meeting, Havelange's intention to force through a direct vote on Japan or South Korea will be postponed, if not defeated.

Tomorrow's meeting is scheduled, first, for debate on television and sponsorship contracts for 2002. It seems certain that Europe and Africa, with probable support from other members, will vote to postpone the signing of contracts until a further, fairer opportunity has been given to consortiums wishing to enter tenders. Objection to steamroller contracts in favour of pre-selected commercial companies is one of the contentious issues within the executive.

Four weeks ago, the eight European members signed a declaration supporting the principle of co-hosting, though there is worry about the loyalty of Poul Hyldgaard, of Denmark, who is known to favour Japan.

Issa Hyatou, of Cameroon, the president of the African Confederation, hopes to become the first black president of Fifa in probable succession to Lennart Johansson, a reluctant rival to Havelange and president of Uefa, the European governing body. Hyatou needs to exhibit loyalty now to Uefa's cause, to ensure its support subsequently.

Havelange is supported by six South and Central Americans and possibly Jack Warner, of Trinidad. The danger for Havelange — and for Japan, who have rigorously opposed co-hosting — is that if he resists a debate on the issue, forcing a straight vote between the countries, he risks even more driving the members towards voting for South Korea.

The Europe and Africa allegience is based not on preference for South Korea, who have qualified for the last three World Cup finals, but anxiety at the immense damage that will be done to the domestic game of which ever nation loses.

Co-hosting has long been the obvious solution, and the logistics are manageable.

# Davies the catalyst as Thomas puts Wales in control

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GARETH THOMAS scored five tries as Wales made a successful start to their rugby union tour of Australia, beating Western Australia 62-20 at the Waca ground in Perth yesterday. Despite spells of sloppy play, the Wales XV scored ten tries, the 54th-minute introduction of Nigel Davies in the centre producing more creativity and variation than had been the case until then.

The player to profit most was Thomas, who was switched from the centre to the wing when Davies came on for Simon Hill. He collected four of his tries in a 24-minute spell that finally cracked the resolute home defence.

There could have been more tries but for chances that went begging and for two purple patches from Western Australia, when they scored two tries. Yet the night belonged to Wales and Thomas, 20, who signed for Pontypridd just before the tour and capitalised as the Wales XV spread the ball wide.

Andy Moore, the scrum half, scored the first points of the tour with a fourth-minute try. Thomas got his tally rolling and Hill twice touched down in the corner as the Welsh took command. Dafydd James, on the wing, scored the fifth try just before half-time and Thomas all but monopolised the second-half scoring, his spree only interrupted by Kingsley Jones, the flanker, who also benefited from Davies's play. Neil Jenkins, the stand-off half, kicked six conversions.

Jason Little, the Australia centre, broke his collar-bone while putting on a shirt yesterday and will not be able to play for five months. Little will miss the forthcoming international matches against Wales and Canada and the three-nation series with New Zealand and South Africa. It was the second time that he had broken his collar-bone in three weeks.

☐ Andy Robinson, the Bath flanker, captains the Barbarians party that begins its first visit to Japan today (David Hands writes). Five of his club colleagues join him on the two-match trip (which is designed to raise money for the Kobe earthquake appeal fund), including Adedayo Adebayo, who has recovered from rib injuries sustained in the cross-code match against Wigan last Saturday.

Treviso's defeat by Milan in the final of the Italian championship has forced the withdrawal of Mark Giacheri and Julian Gardner from the party. Treviso are now involved in a play-off with the Romanian club champions for entry into next season's European club tournament.

Greg Prosser, of Pontypridd, and Mike Brewer, the New Zealander who is now based in Dublin, have been added to the party, which is sponsored by Japanese Airlines. The Barbarians will play a President's XV likely to include several New Zealanders in Kyoto on Sunday and Kobe Steel next Wednesday.

BARBARIANS: J Callard (Bath), J Sleightholme (Bath), A Adebayo (Bath), M Hall (Cardiff), L Jarvis (Pontypridd), C Glasgow (Heriot's FP), A Williams (Swansea), A Davies (Cardiff), A Gomarsall (Wasps), A Healey (Orrell), J Leonard (Harlequins), P Burnell (London Scottish), G Halpin (London Irish), G Dawe (Bath), J Hay (Hawick), G Prosser (Pontypridd), N Redman (Bath), S Munro (Glasgow HK), A Robinson (Bath), M Brewer (Blackrock College), J Davidson (Dungannon), H Stone (Cardiff)

# South Wales gain support from Hetherington

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ST HELENS, the leaders of the Super League, are 100 per cent behind the attempt by the newly-formed South Wales rugby league club to go straight into the top flight next summer. Sheffield Eagles, who are preparing to try to extend their three-year unbeaten home record against St Helens in Cardiff on June 8, have also given their full backing to the Welsh club.

Gary Hetherington, the Eagles chairman, opted to take the live televised match next week to Cardiff Arms Park to give the game in Wales a boost before the vote on Super League expansion on July 3. Sheffield's home, the Don Valley Stadium, is unavailable on June 8 and Hetherington decided to head south rather than take up offers to play in Dublin or at Bramall Lane, the home of the football club, Sheffield United, in order to test the waters in South Wales.

"I just wish that a side like Wigan or Widnes could have done the same for us when we set up in 1984," Hetherington said. "We knew we had to find a venue for this game. There is a strong rugby culture in Cardiff and the South Wales club has just been formed.

"Part of the idea of taking the game to Wales is to show the public there what the Super League is all about and to whet their appetites for next year. Rugby league is no longer a game played along the M62 corridor. It is all about expansion, excitement and entertainment."

Sheffield, like all clubs in the Super League, will have three votes when the Rugby League council meets to vote on the expansion of the top flight from the present 12 teams. A merger of the two teams on Humberside, Hull and Hull Kingston Rovers, could take them into the Super League. Dublin is another possibility, but South Wales, with its rich tradition of producing some of the finest players in both codes, is the favourite to be fast-tracked into the Super League.

"St Helens is 100 per cent behind the South Wales bid," David Howes, the club's chief executive, said. "It is a rugby stronghold with a great tradition of producing players for both union and league. The enthusiasm and expertise we have seen from the South Wales club to date shows to us that they are capable of prospering in the Super League. The general feeling among the Super League clubs is that we should expand to 14 or 15 teams. We need more fixtures and a broader vision.

"St Helens fans are enjoying getting out of their parochial environment and travelling to London and Paris. Add to that another European capital, Cardiff, and it should add greater spice."

☐ London Broncos yesterday reinforced their Australian roots by signing a £100,000 sponsorship deal with the brewers, Foster's. The deal will run for the remainder of the summer season, with an option for the next two campaigns. London, who have links with the Australian club, the Brisbane Broncos, have made an encouraging start to the first Super League campaign. They are fifth, with five wins from nine games.

## FOR THE RECORD

### BALLROOM DANCING

BLACKPOOL: British Open championships: Professional rising star Modern: 1, T Howson and J Bolton (Eng); 2, J Wilkins and K Demidova (US); 3, S and M Onda (Japan); 4, G Nironi and S Vecchi (It); 5, A Gulliksen and K Stensen (Nor); 6, A Melnikov and I Solomatina (Russ). Senior Latin: 1, T and M Long (Eng); 2, Y and S Mochizuki (Japan); 3, J Geerts and K Vercammen (Bel); 4, M Fischer and B Werner (Ger); 5, A and G Newman (Eng); 6, V and B Ferrinho (Fr). Amateur Latin: 1, R Müller and O Omelchenko (Ger); 2, M and N Cutler (Eng); 3, H Nitsche and C Egstrand (Den); 4, M Wentnick and Beata (SA); 5, M Lunn and J Baltzer (Eng); 6, S Lund and M Bach (Den)

### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 5 Chicago 8; Milwaukee 7 Minnesota 3; Texas 11 Cleveland 3; California 1 New York 0; Oakland 6 Boston 2; Seattle 8 Baltimore 12. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 6 Cincinnati 2; Pittsburgh 8 Houston 5; Montreal 2 San Diego 3; Philadelphia 9 Los Angeles 3; New York 4 San Francisco 0; St Louis 5 Colorado 6. Postponed: Chicago v Atlanta.

### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Final: Western Conference: Seattle 95 Utah 98 (OT) (Seattle leads best-of-seven series 3-2)

### BOWLS

BATH: Open tournament: Women's singles: First round: D Knocker bt B Shephard 21-10; P Davison bt A Penny 21-7; J Crofts bt P Cox 21-9; S Hancock bt J Pickett 21-18; B Wilson bt M Sheppard 21-12; J D'Elia bt J Mitchell 21-15; J Stern bt M Cummins 21-20; C Grenfell bt G Lillicrap 21-10. Second round: Knocker bt Davison 21-4; J Sullivan bt J Walmsley 21-13; Crofts bt P Alford 21-13; N Rowden bt Z Bowman 21-14; E Talbot bt P Allen 21-10; J Shaw bt J Newman 21-8; W Bennett bt M Stokes 21-12; G Chandler bt E Mitchell 21-11; Hancock bt W Lamb 21-2; Wilson bt D'Elia 21-20; Stern bt G Grenfell 21-11; M Pimpernell bt A Winsborough 21-18; V Bodman bt J Lawbury 21-8; M Creswell bt B Doble 21-7; A Burgess bt J Lavender 21-12; C Evans bt M Avis 21-19. Third round: Sullivan bt Knocker 21-18; Rowden bt Crofts 21-9; Shaw bt Talbot 21-11; Bennett bt Chandler 21-13, Hancock bt Wilson 21-16; Stern bt Pimpernell 21-5; Bodman bt Creswell 21-11, Burgess bt Evans 21-10.

ROMBOUTS COFFEE ENGLISH WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP: John's Trophy: First round: Northumberland bt Durham 122-115; Yorks bt Notts 132-116; Lincs bt Derbyshire 112-108; Cumbria bt Lancashire 150-98. Huntingdonshire bt Leicestershire 120-117; Suffolk bt Bedfordshire 109-105; Norfolk bt Warwickshire 117-115; Oxfordshire bt Northamptonshire 123-105. Devon bt Cornwall 107-99; Somerset bt Herefordshire 148-98, Worcestershire bt Wiltshire 120-113. Dorset bt Isle of Wight 127-105; Middlesex bt Sussex 123-105; Buckinghamshire bt Hertfordshire 130-113, Berkshire bt Surrey 118-117; Kent bt Essex 123-107

### CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Swansea: Lancashire 315-9 dec and 113-0 (P C McKeown 52 not out, N T Wood 49 not out); Glamorgan 302-2 dec (A W Evans 156, A J Dalton 126 not out) Match drawn. Harrogate: Yorkshire 306-9 dec v Kent. Match drawn. Second day of three: Chesterfield: Derbyshire 310 (M E Cassar 125), Nottinghamshire 160-4. Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire 160 (J G Hughes 53 not out, A Walker 4-25) and 36-2; Durham 378 all out (S Hutton 127). First day of three: Bournemouth: Hampshire 95 (H R J Trump 4-14) and 12-0; Somerset 119 (J C Hallett 61). Stratford-Upon-Avon: Warwickshire 135-1 (W G Khan 73 not out) v Sussex. Southgate: Essex 333-9 dec (P R Shaw 118, B J Hyam 79) v Middlesex

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Carlisle: Cumberland 38-2 v Herts. Beaconsfield: Suffolk 94 (A Thomas 4-37) and 39-0; Buckinghamshire 173 (I D Graham 5-51).

THE PARKS: Oxford University 194-8 dec (J Batty 80; P Harris 4-48), MCC 14-1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bradford Park Avenue: Staffordshire 77-0 v Yorkshire. Match abandoned. Green Lane CC: Wirral 90; Yorkshire B 92-3. Burneside CC: Cumbria 23-2 v Wales Match abandoned Trojans CC: Hampshire 173-9; Warwickshire 173-6 Match drawn

### CYCLING

TOUR OF ITALY: Tenth stage (164km, Arezzo to Prato): 1, R Massi (It, Ceramiche Refin) 3hr 56min 38sec; 2, G Furlan (It, Saeco) at 4sec; 3, F Casagrande (It, Saeco); 4, C Chappucci (It, Carrera); 5, A Olano (Sp, Mapei), 6, E Zaina (It, Carrera) same time. Overall positions: 1, D Rebellin (It, Team Polti) 44:37:32, 2, P Tonkov (Russ, Ceramiche Panaria) 4sec; 3, S Faustini (It, AKI) 8; 4, Zaina 13; 5, Casagrande 16; 6, L Piepoli (It, Refin) same time

### FOOTBALL

Tuesday's late results

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Spain 2 Scotland 1; Italy 1 France 0.

TOULON UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Group B: England 0 Angola 2.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Bulgaria 3 Macedonia 0 (in Sofia); Tunisian Olympic XI 4 Japanese Olympic XI 2 (at Bizerte).

OTHER MATCH: Bradford City 2 Feyenoord 0.

### GOLF

GOG MAGOG, Cambridge: Lagonda Trophy: Early leading second-round scores: 143: D Quinney (Haverhill) 70, 73; C Smith (Scarborough) 72, 71; P Dwyer (Clitheroe) 75, 68. 145: J Harris (Nevill) 74, 71; P Fenton (Huddersfield) 70, 75; C Kirby (Coventry) 74, 71; P Stewart (London) 77, 68; R M McQuirk (Princes) 71, 74.

### HOCKEY

CAIRNS, Australia: Four-nation tournament: Australia 6 India 1; South Africa 1 New Zealand 2; Australia 2 South Africa 0; India 1 New Zealand 0; India 2 South Africa 1; New Zealand 1 Australia 6.

### ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Final: Eastern Conference: Pittsburgh 3 Florida 0 (Pittsburgh leads best-of-seven series 3-2).

### RUGBY UNION

*Tour match*

Western Australia 20 Wales 62

Western Australia: Tries: Schaumkel, Thomas. Conversions: Schaumkel 2. Penalty goals: Schaumkel 2. Wales: Tries: Andrew Moore, G Thomas 5, Hill 2, James, K Jones. Conversions: N Jenkins 6.

(at Perth)

TOUR MATCH: Counties 19 Western Samoa XV 31 (at Pukekohe, New Zealand).

### SHOOTING

BALLYKINLER: Irish Open championships: Irish Open: 1, D Calvert (Comber RC) 329.56; 2, H Kilpatrick (East Scotland) 326.48; 3, M Miller (Comber RC) 325.48. All Ireland challenge shield (teams): 1, Scotland 1970.239. Royal Irish fusiliers trophy: M Miller (Comber RC) 50.10 Mourne trophy: 1, Calvert 50.10 (tie 25.5); 2, R Elvins (Scottish RA) 50.10 (tie 25.4). Championship 300: H Mackintosh (Ulster RA) 35.7. Championship 500: D Lindsay (Comber RC) 35.7. Championship 600: T McIvor (Dungannon) 35.7. Lord Mayor of Belfast trophy (grand aggregate): Calvert 254.43.

### SQUASH

PETALING JAYA, Malaysia: World Cup: Second qualifying round: Pool A: Australia 3 Germany 0; Hong Kong 3 Singapore 0 Pool B: England 3 Malaysia 0 (England names first: C Walker bt Ong Beng Hee 9-5, 9-7, 9-4; M Cairns bt Yap Kok Four 9-0, 9-3, 9-1; Jane Martin bt Leong Siu Lynn 9-3, 9-2, 9-1); Holland 2 Finland 1. Pool C: New Zealand 2 Sweden 1; South Africa 3 Brazil 0. Pool D: Egypt 3 Wales 0 (Wales names first: A Barada bt D Evans 9-5, 9-7, 9-1; O El Borolossy bt M Benjamin 9-2, 9-1, 9-4, Salma Shabana bt Katrina Hogan 9-5, 9-1, 9-3); Canada 2 Italy 1

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### CRICKET

Britannic Assurance championship

*11.0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum*

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Sussex

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Gloucestershire

LORD'S: Middlesex v Yorkshire

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Durham

THE OVAL: Surrey v Derbyshire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Hampshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Bournemouth Sports Club: Hampshire v Somerset. Southgate CC: Middlesex v Essex. Stratford-upon-Avon: Warwickshire v Sussex.

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire.

### FOOTBALL

International match

Colombia v Scotland

(at Orange Bowl Stadium, *Miami, 1.0*)

Toulon under-21 international tournament

Group B

England v Portugal

(at Fournier Stadium, Arles, 6.0)

### *OTHER SPORT*

HOCKEY: Women's international: Great Britain v Australia (at Reading, 7.0)

EQUESTRIANISM: Nations Cup (at Hickstead).

GOLF: *Lagonda Trophy (at Gog Magog GC, Cambridge).*

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Eastbourne (7.30); London v Scottish Monarchs (7.30); Middlesbrough v Coventry (7.30); Sheffield v Belle Vue (7.45).

## YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

### Folkestone

Going: good

2.15 (5f) 1, Canovas Heart (N Day, 8-1); 2, *Mousehole (9-1)*; 3, *Half Tone (20-1)*. Friendly Brave 4-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Distant Dynasty. 1¾l, ¾l. Bob Jones. Tote: £8.20; £2.30, £3.20, £7.20. DF: £55.50. Trio £491.20 (part won, pool of £629.62 carried forward to 3.10 at Brighton today). CSF: £89.96. Tricast: £1,302.55

2.45 (6f) 1, Supercal (B Doyle, 11-1); 2, Topatori (4-1); 3, Mister Pink (7-1). Senorita Matilda Evens fav. 14 ran. 2l, nk. D Elsworth. Tote: £11.20; £2.10, £2.90, £2.90. DF: £25.20. Trio: £28.80. CSF: £60.61

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, Canton Venture (W Woods, 9-2); 2, Poly My Son (8-1); 3, Pip's Dream (10-1). Fast Forward Fred 9-4 fav. 17 ran NR: Trumble. Nk, ¾l. S Woods. Tote: £6.60; £2.80, £5.30, £5.20. DF: £21.30. Trio £90.30. CSF: £47.79.

3.45 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Florentino (M Hills, 7-1); 2, White Plains (6-1); 3, It'sthebusiness (8-1). Wet Patch 4-1 fav. 15 ran. Nk, nk. B Hills. Tote: £13.40; £2.90, £2.80, £3.50. DF: £91.50. Trio: £300.20. CSF: £48.47. Tricast: £250.97.

4.15 (6f 189yd) 1, Martinosky (N Day, 16-1); 2, Scathebury (9-4); 3, Justinianus (25-1). Mios 5-6 fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, hd. G Bravery. Tote: £17.30; £4.20, £1.10, £8.20. DF: £21.50. Trio: £135.00. CSF: £52.42

4.45 (6f 189yd) 1, Moon Strike (M Hills, 10-11 fav); 2, Sapphire Son (20-1); 3, Rockville Pike (9-2). 8 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. S Williams. Tote: £1.70; £1.00, £6.10, £1.20. DF: £13.20. CSF: £16.95.

5.15 (6f 189yd) 1, Young Mazaad (G Bardwell, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Comtosser (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Inamind (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Into Debt. 1¾l, 1¾l. D O'Brien. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.45

Jackpot: not won (pool of £12,052.66 carried forward to Brighton today).

Placepot: £194.20. Quadpot: £15.00.

### Cartmel

Going: soft, heavy in places

2.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Sian Wyn (R Dunwoody, 8-1); 2, Palace River (4-1); 3, On The Move (33-1). Becky Boo 5-2 fav. 10 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. K Burke. Tote: £9.60; £1.10, £1.80, £12.70. DF: £5.10. Trio: £264.10. CSF: £15.01.

2.30 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Blazing Dawn (B Storey, 16-1); 2, Strong Approach (13-8 fav); 3, Circulation (33-1). 6 ran. NR: Rupples. 2½l, 14l. J Hubbuck. Tote: £15.30; £3.80, £1.60. DF: £24.10. CSF: £43.66

3.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Candid Lad (B Storey, 16-1); 2, Marsh's Law (7-4 fav); 3, Rainham (3-1). 5 ran. NR: Ruth's Gamble. 2l, 17l. F Storey. Tote: £12.40; £4.20, £1.30. DF: £22.30. CSF: £42.30

3.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Faustinluce Lady (S Taylor, 8-1); 2, Zahid (7-4 fav); 3, Red Beacon (12-1). 11 ran. 3½l, sh hd. W Smith. Tote: £8.70; £2.60, £1.50, £3.90. DF: £6.30. Trio: £44.20. CSF: £23.26

4.00 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Old Money (R Johnson, 7-2); 2, Wise Advice (10-11 fav); 3, Shawwell (3-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 15l. S Kettlewell. Tote: £4.40; £2.40, £1.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.10.

4.30 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Young Kenny (Mr R Ford, 5-1); 2, La Fontainbleau (14-1); 3, Grate Deel (7-1). Rallisa 11-10 fav (pu). 10 ran. 10l, 19l. P Beaumont. Tote: £5.60; £1.50, £5.40, £2.40. DF: £50.20. Trio: £52.50. CSF: £65.21.

Placepot: £155.10. Quadpot: £37.30.

## Tuesday's late results

### Sandown Park

Going: good to soft

6.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Early Peace (Dane O'Neill, 16-1); 2, Loveyoumillions (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Denomination (14-1). Te Amo 3-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. 1½l, ½l. R Hannon. Tote: £26.60; £5.60, £1.20, £2.50. DF: £37.80. Trio: £184.30. CSF: £58.87

6.50 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, Atlantic Mist (G Bardwell, 7-1); 2, Rivercare (12-1); 3, Soldier Mak (14-1). Deadline Time 5-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Get Away With It. ½l, 1½l. B Millman. Tote: £9.90; £2.30, £2.20, £2.90. DF: £48.60. Trio: £220.60. CSF: £75.09. Tricast: £1,033.99.

7.20 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Shantou (L Dettori, 4-5 fav); 2, Rocky Oasis (9-2); 3, Ginger Fox (9-1). 16 ran. NR: Ectomorph. ¾l, 8l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £3.10. Trio: £10.60. CSF: £5.37.

7.50 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Pilsudski (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 2, Lucky Di (13-8 fav); 3, Song Of Tara (10-1). 11 ran. ½l, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £5.60; £1.40, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £5.90. Trio: £9.70. CSF: £13.94

8.20 (5f 6yd) 1, Deadly Dudley (M J Kinane, 7-4 fav); 2, Roman Imp (100-30); 3, Dayfight In Dubai (5-2). 6 ran. NR: Spaniards Inn. 4l, 5l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.42.

8.50 (1m 6f) 1, World Express (B Doyle, 12-1); 2, Rocky Forum (13-8 fav); 3, Rock Group (12-1). 8 ran. Hd, 1l. B Millman. Tote: £16.50; £1.70, £1.40, £3.10. DF: £12.00. CSF: £30.81. Tricast: £226.13

Placepot: £113.90. Quadpot: £8.00.

### Hexham

Going: good

6.35 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Daisy Days (P Carberry, 14-1); 2, Rascally (3-1); 3, Suas Leat (11-4). The Stitcher 5-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Hya Prim. 7l, ¾l. J Johnson. Tote: £11.90; £1.70, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £16.20. Trio: £45.40. CSF: £53.16.

7.05 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Movac (A Thornton, 2-1 fav); 2, Le Denstan (7-1); 3, Walls Court (7-1). 12 ran. NR: Beckley Fountain. 27l, ¾l. Miss L Russell. Tote: £3.50; £2.10, £2.30, £3.00. DF: £33.10. Trio: £32.90. CSF: £17.77.

7.35 (2m hdle) 1, Ham N'Eggs (R Garritty, 4-5 fav); 2, Trennium (8-1); 3, Camptosaurus (10-1). 15 ran. 5l, 2l. M Hammond. Tote: £1.80, £1.40, £3.80, £2.60. DF: £5.50. Trio: £10.70. CSF: £10.46.

8.05 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Majic Rain (G Cahill, 6-1); 2, The Toaster (7-2 fav); 3, Bishopdale (14-1). 11 ran. 7l, 8l. B Ellison. Tote: £8.70; £2.50, £1.20, £3.90. DF: £12.10. Trio: £81.00. CSF: £28.05. Tricast: £272.06.

8.35 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Kings Lane (Mr M H Naughton, 33-1); 2, Lago Lago (7-2); 3, Dear Emily (2-1 jt-fav). Silver Sleeve 2-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. 14l, 6l. J Dun. Tote: £58.20; £9.90, £2.00, £1.20. DF: £95.90. Trio: £183.40. CSF: £155.42.

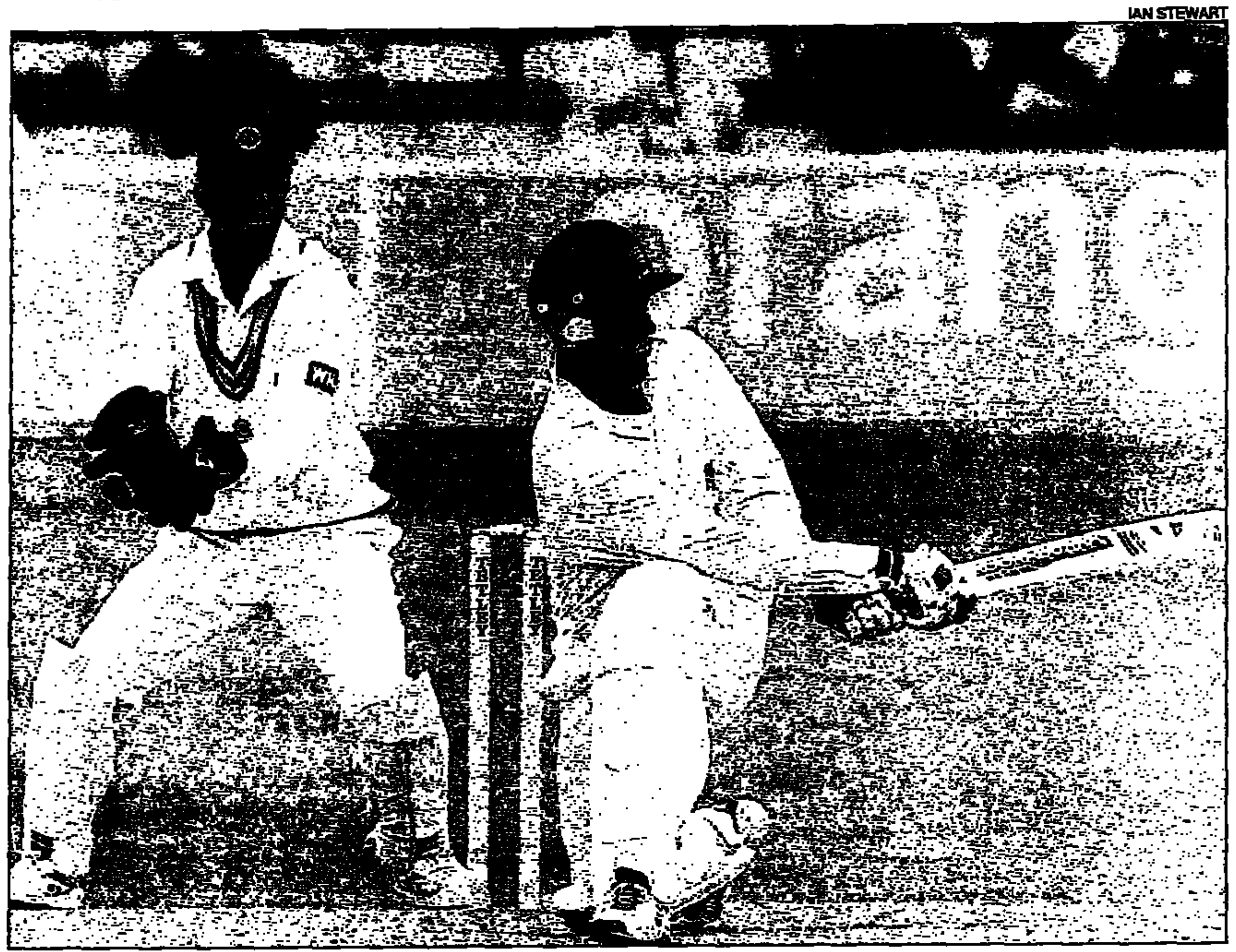
9.05 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Shelton Abbey (P Carberry, 8-1); 2, Dark Silhouette (2-1 fav); 3, Mister Casual (3-1). 6 ran. ¾l, 15l. J Wade. Tote: £15.80; £2.90, £2.40. DF: £11.90. CSF: £24.66.

Placepot: £59.60. Quadpot: £15.70.

# Indians feel full force of Law

By Pat Gibson

IAN STEWART



Law sweeps the ball away to complete a stylish hundred for Essex against the Indians at Chelmsford yesterday

*CHELMSFORD (second day of three): the Indians, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 132 runs ahead of Essex*

IT IS hard to believe now that, less than a month ago, a hostile group of Essex members gathered in front of the Chelmsford pavilion to advise Stuart Law to return whence he came, or words to that effect.

They have been spoilt over the years by a succession of match-winning overseas players, so, when their new Australian import, entrusted with the last over of a crucial Benson and Hedges Cup game against Kent, conceded nine runs and defeat by one wicket, they were not slow to vent their feelings.

Nobody was complaining yesterday, however. Law did not just save Essex from acute embarrassment at the hands of two young Indian seam bowlers with only a handful of first-class matches between them by completing a century before lunch and going on to make 153, he also confirmed that he is in the great Essex tradition established by Lee Irvine and maintained by Bruce Francis, Keith Boyce, Norbert Phillip, Ken McEwan, Alan Border, Mark Waugh and Salim Malik. Only Hugh Page, the South African who was bedevilled by injuries and no balls in 1987, has let them down.

There was never much danger of Law doing that. He had been recommended by Border, no less, after captaining Young Australia in England last summer and leading Queensland to their first Sheffield Shield during the winter, establishing himself in Australia's one-day side and winning his first Test cap against Sri Lanka along the way.

It has not taken him long to come to terms with English cricket. He had already scored 824 runs in all competitions, including two centuries in the championship, one in the cup and one in the Sunday league, when he went in to bat yesterday with Essex in trouble at three for two.

He was lucky to survive on seven, when Tendulkar dropped him at slip off Mhambrey, but, after that, the Indians found it almost impossible to bowl to him.

There were 11 fours, plastered all round the County Ground, in his first 50, which came from only 43 balls, and another ten as he scorched to his century off 84 balls. By the time that he lofted Hirwani to long off, where Prasad took a fine running catch, he had made his 153 off 147 balls with a six and 26 fours.

Batting looked easy then, yet it had been anything but that in the morning when Mhambrey, perhaps stung by the decision to send for another seamer, Ankola, to strengthen the bowling, was making the ball swing and seam all over the place.

Mhambrey soon had Robinson edging a straightforward catch to Tendulkar at first slip. Prasad claimed Grayson with the help of a rather more spectacular effort by Jadeja at second slip and Hussain, presented with a chance to make his case for England selection before the first Test, struggled through 12 overs for seven before Mhambrey had him taken at first slip. It was only when the opening bowlers were taken off, never to be seen again for a reason known only to Tendulkar, the acting captain, that the pressure eased and Law was able to indulge himself against the spinners.

Prichard joined him in a fourth-wicket partnership of 169 and when he was caught at backward point for 53, Irani and Rollins were able to enjoy themselves before Essex declared 51 runs behind. That gave Jadeja, pencilled in to replace Sidhu — who departed for home yesterday — in the first Test, the opportunity to find some form and he was taking it well with 55, including two sixes and seven fours, when bad light brought an early close.

## SCOREBOARD

INDIANS: First Innings 320 for 8 dec (V Rathore 95, S R Tendulkar 74, S Ganguly 51; R C Irani 4 for 37).

Second Innings

V Rathore c Rollins b Such .......... 18
A D Jadeja not out .......... 55
S V Manjrekar not out .......... 8
Total (1 wkt) .......... 81

FALL OF WICKET: 1-47

BOWLING: Cowan 9-3-18-0; Andrew 7 1-1-18-0; Such 5-0-25-1; Childs 3-0-20-0.

ESSEX: First Innings

D D J Robinson c Tendulkar b Mhambrey 1
A P Grayson c Jadeja
b Ventakesh Prasad .......... 2
N Hussain c Tendulkar b Mhambrey .... 7
S G Law c Ventakesh Prasad b Hirwani 153
*P J Prichard c Ventakesh Prasad
b Venkatapthy Raju .......... 53
R C Irani not out .......... 29
†R J Rollins not out .......... 15
Extras (b 5, nb 4) .......... 9
Total (5 wkts dec) .......... 269

P M Such, S J W Andrew, A P Cowan and J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-3, 3-47, 4-216, 5-228

BOWLING: Ventakesh Prasad 11-2-57-1; Mhambrey 10-5-23-2; Venkatapthy Raju 19-6-62-1; Ganguly 4-0-19-0; Joshi 14-3-50-0; Hirwani 16-3-53-1; Tendulkar 1-1-0-0

Umpires: D R Shepherd and H D Bird.

# Emburey's four-wicket haul scuppers Kent

By Simon Wilde

*NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire beat Kent by 23 runs*

THEY had to survive some anxious moments, but Northamptonshire duly won their Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final tie with Kent yesterday. The prize was not firmly in their grasp until John Emburey, their player-coach, came on for a late — and reluctant — bowl and captured four wickets in four overs to snuff out Kent's growing challenge. Northamptonshire, the only unbeaten county in limited-overs cricket this season, will meet Warwickshire, with whom they have recently enjoyed some memorable tussles, in a home semi-final on June 11.

For a team with every reason to play with assurance, Northamptonshire were curiously reluctant to capitalise on their strong position when the game resumed, with Kent on 108 for four and requiring a further 186 runs at more than six an over. When an early wicket might have settled the game, the bowling was uninspired and the fields set deep as Ward and Ealham effortlessly raised their stand from 28 to 77.

By the time Ealham was run out, chancing a second run against Emburey's arm at long-off, Kent had got the scent of victory. Walker, a chancer at heart, and Ward opened their shoulders with increasing frequency and, not without alarms, 80 runs flowed from the next 12 overs. At 237 for five, Kent had taken on the unlikely guise of favourites.

It was then that Rob Bailey, the Northamptonshire captain, who had ventured only one over of spin up to that point, persuaded his senior off-spinner to bowl the 41st over. Emburey's first ball enticed Ward — whom he had dropped off Penberthy, the best of the seam bowlers, five overs earlier — to sweep and had him leg-before for 98. His fifth drew Walker into cutting the ball into the hands of the diving Ambrose at backward point.

With Marsh and McCague together, both of whom have recorded career-best scores this season, Kent were not yet out of the hunt, but McCague promptly swung at Emburey and was caught on the deep mid-wicket boundary.

Marsh gambled to better effect, clubbing Emburey for one huge six over long-on, but, after striking a brisk 23, he, too, holed out on the on-side, where Capel took a fine running catch. Kent's chances were then well and truly gone, the task of scoring 30 runs at faster than one per ball being too much to ask of their tenth-wicket pair. Ambrose quickly brought the match to an end by having Thompson caught behind.

Emburey, who had a hand in five of the six wickets to fall yesterday, took the gold award, but may not see out Northamptonshire's cup campaign. He will play against Warwickshire, but expects to have phased himself out of the side in favour of younger men by the time the final takes place in July.

Kent departed feeling they had had the worse of the umpiring — and perhaps they did — but, whenever they were presented with a chance to take control, they squandered it.

## SEMI-FINALS

Lancashire v Yorkshire
Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
*Matches to be played on June 11*

## SCOREBOARD

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: 293 for 7 (R J Bailey 105 not out D J Capel 63)

KENT

T R Ward lbw b Emburey .......... 98
M V Fleming b Ambrose .......... 40
C L Hooper c Emburey b Penberthy .......... 9
G R Cowdrey c Warren b Penberthy .......... 0
N J Llong b Curran .......... 0
M A Ealham run out .......... 32
M J Walker c Ambrose b Emburey .......... 30
*†S A Marsh c Capel b Emburey .......... 23
M J McCague c Penberthy b Emburey .......... 1
M M Patel not out .......... 8
J B D Thompson c Warren b Ambrose .......... 1
Extras (b 1, lb 15 w 8, nb 4) .......... 28
Total (47.2 overs) .......... 270

Score at 15 overs 85-4

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-79, 3-79, 4-80, 5-157, 6-337, 7-238, 8-242, 9-264

BOWLING: Taylor 6-0-53-0; Ambrose 9.2-0-40-2; Curran 10-1-41-1, Penberthy 10-2-50-2, Capel 7-0-46-0; Emburey 5-0-24-4.

Gold award: J E Emburey.

Umpires: J D Bond and G I Burgess

# Fairbrother takes charge

By Ivo Tennant

*OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire beat Gloucestershire by five wickets*

AFTER batting in the twilight on Tuesday with no due concern for the morrow, Lancashire had won this Benson and Hedges quarter-final by lunchtime. They did so without being hindered by the weather or Gloucestershire's fast bowlers, who, having initially given their side considerable succour, were unable to take any further wickets yesterday.

Lancashire won with ten overs to spare and, to the delight of their treasurer, play Yorkshire in the semi-final at Old Trafford on June 11. The telling partnership was between Neil Fairbrother and John Crawley, who put on 110 in 22 overs, one chancing his luck against the spin and the other not seeking recourse to anything unorthodox.

That so many wickets fell so cheaply on Tuesday was illusory. This was not a bad pitch. There was no need for Austin to come in at first wicket down, nor, come to that, for Watkinson to open Lancashire's innings. They needed only 159 to win, which called not for pinch-hitting — a term that, like Rodney Marsh's pie-throwers, will surely not last in the lexicon of the game — but for conventional cricket.

Lancashire, the holders of this trophy, resumed needing 147 runs from 44 overs. When Speak, who had the misfortune to come to the wicket to face Walsh at 7.57pm on Tuesday, took half an hour to get off the mark yesterday, there was no telling where their runs would come from. Walsh and Smith bowled with considerable guile. Alas, in this competition, they have to give others a go as well.

Hancock, who came on at first change, had Speak caught at the wicket, following one that moved away. That was 32 for four in the fifteenth over, the important stage of the innings in normal circumstances, but not in this low-scoring match. Soon, Fairbrother was improvising in his inimitable way. One drive off Alleyne hit the foot of the sightscreen and Davis, the left-arm spinner, was never given a chance to find his length.

Walsh brought himself back for a second spell, summoning a short leg. Crawley, however, clipped him for four to mid-wicket and then played the shot of the match, using his feet to Davis, opening the face of the bat at the last moment and bisecting the cover ring. When Fairbrother pulled the same bowler for six, the match was as good as won.

Ball, the other spinner, did take a wicket, bowling Crawley, who was yards down the pitch looking to counter any turn. Crawley, as slim and lithe as he can ever be expected to be, made 48 with five fours, an innings that, for the technically-correct way in which he countered Walsh, merited the gold award.

It went, however, not to him, or Elworthy, who gained four wickets the previous day, but to Fairbrother, whose unbeaten 80 came off 80 balls and included 11 fours and two sixes. Lancashire might think again about sending in the likes of Austin ahead of him when he is batting with such dexterity.

## SCOREBOARD

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: 158 (S Elworthy 4 for 14).

LANCASHIRE

M A Atherton c Russell b Walsh .......... 3
*M Watkinson c Cunliffe b Smith .......... 4
I D Austin c Ball b Smith .......... 2
N J Speak c Russell b Hancock .......... 6
J P Crawley b Ball .......... 48
N H Fairbrother not out .......... 80
G D Lloyd not out .......... 10
Extras (lb 1, w 6, nb 2) .......... 9
Total (5 wkts, 39.4 overs) .......... 162

Score at 15 overs: 32-4.

†W K Hegg, S Elworthy, P J Martin and G Yates did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-12, 3-12, 4-32; 5-142.

BOWLING: Walsh 8 4-2-33-1; Smith 9-3-30-2; Hancock 8-1-32-1; Alleyne 2-0-15-0; Davis 6-0-34-0; Ball 6-1-17-1.

Gold award: N H Fairbrother.

Umpires: B Dudleston and V A Holder.

## THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

| Pos | Team (Player's name) | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ooh Aah Kentona (N Ellison) | 4928 |
| 2 | Breakfast Boys (J Goodman) | 4924 |
| 3 | (D Ajhtar) | 4917 |
| 4 | Carju's Crickets (J Candy) | 4873 |
| 5 | The May Allstars (D Tattoo) | 4862 |
| 6 | Badal XI (FD Hussain) | 4856 |
| 7 | Sunderland CC 2 (J Sunderland) | 4842 |
| 8 | Lisa's Winner (D Williams) | 4837 |
| 9 | The Bunnies 3 (B Warren) | 4834 |
| 10 | K P Allstars 3 (KR Patel) | 4831 |
| 11 | | 4827 |
| 12 | Falc Sloggers (B Jackson) | 4822 |
| 13 | Alls Lot | 4819 |
| 14 | Giant Venture 3 (D Richardson) | 4818 |
| 15 | Ricardos Marvels (R Williams) | 4811 |
| 16 | Virtual Reality (TJ Hillman) | 4803 |
| 17 | May Special's (M Whitley) | 4801 |
| 18 | Johnson's First XI (RJ Johnson) | 4790 |
| 19 | Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart) | 4778 |
| 20 | Old Calton 2nd XI (A Fisher) | 4777 |
| =21 | Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart) | 4773 |
| =21 | The Wagging Tail (JAM Talbot) | 4773 |
| =23 | The Bodyliners (C Taylor) | 4767 |
| =23 | Perth Finders A (P Stewart) | 4767 |
| =23 | Skys The Limit CC (K Sutton) | 4767 |
| 26 | Lindas Loosers (L Tattoo) | 4758 |
| 27 | Ealings Goat 3 (J Eaton) | 4745 |
| 28 | Dings Goats 2 (J Eaton) | 4744 |
| =29 | Law Of Australia (H Paul) | 4743 |
| =29 | Asparagus Twelve (Barcis) | 4743 |
| 31 | Mumm (M Boswal) | 4741 |
| 32 | Freds Team (R Price) | 4739 |
| =33 | Wednesdayshire (A Hibberd) | 4732 |
| =33 | The Rum Rats (Mrs L Tattoo) | 4732 |
| 35 | Joint Venture 1 (S Richardson) | 4731 |
| 36 | Fudges XI (Rev M Ward) | 4728 |
| 37 | Webbles Wallies (AR Howse) | 4727 |
| 38 | Hine Side XI (JF Davies) | 4722 |
| 39 | Oh Jiffy Six (M Long) | 4716 |
| 40 | J P Four (Pregon) | 4715 |
| =41 | Eatons Goats (J Eaton) | 4714 |
| =41 | The Lynwood Lofties (D Tattoo) | 4714 |
| =43 | Hunt 4 £10,000 E (J Hunt) | 4713 |
| =43 | Taunton A (J Hunt) | 4713 |
| 45 | Martina McBride (S Vale) | 4712 |
| 46 | Ataturks (P Stewart) | 4711 |
| 47 | Jones Boys One (ML Jones) | 4708 |
| 48 | K P Allstars 1 (KR Patel) | 4706 |
| 49 | Dream Team 1 (M Dunn) | 4702 |
| 50 | Odissy Three (M Long) | 4697 |
| 51 | Duncan Idahoe H (G Still) | 4696 |
| 52 | Opportunists 3rd XI (Stewart) | 4690 |
| 53 | Taff's Tigers (J Short) | 4689 |
| =54 | Stumped For A Name (A Youngman) | 4688 |
| =54 | Bowled Marilyn (H Paul) | 4688 |
| 56 | Bert's Allsorts 1 (BE Howes) | 4683 |
| =57 | Lt05 (L Garland) | 4682 |
| =57 | Odiffy 2 (M Long) | 4682 |
| =59 | Another Fiasco (Mrs KT Sullivan) | 4681 |
| =59 | Jones Boys Two (M Jones) | 4681 |
| =59 | Teddy Two (B Bear) | 4681 |
| =62 | The Best Men (M Collins) | 4680 |
| =62 | Early Birds 3 (M Whitley) | 4680 |
| 64 | Ashleys Army (C Hawkins) | 4678 |
| 65 | Johns Boys 3 (M Jones) | 4671 |
| 66 | Spread Eaglets 3rd X (P Stewart) | 4664 |
| 67 | Higgs Pigs (J Higgs) | 4663 |
| 68 | Oh Nevile (H Paul) | 4660 |
| 69 | The Bunnies 1 (B Warren) | 4656 |
| =70 | ( | 4642 |
| =70 | Happy Valley 2 (R Wallace) | 4642 |
| 72 | May Specials Three (M Whitley) | 4641 |
| 73 | Mighty Bats (D Tattoo) | 4640 |
| 74 | Nutkin CC (M Hawkins) | 4537 |
| 75 | Life Timers (P Gatenby) | 4635 |
| =76 | Kipper's Enigma CC (CP Denton) | 4633 |
| =76 | Gresham Two Thousand (F O'Brien) | 4633 |
| 78 | Tabor's Terrors (N Tabor) | 4631 |
| 79 | Rings Amock (JT Auckman) | 4630 |
| 80 | Katherineshire (D Harvey) | 4627 |
| 81 | The Kilburn Ducks (P Ewen) | 4622 |
| 82 | Boundary Board XI (A Youngman) | 4621 |
| 83 | Joint Venture 4 (J Richardson) | 4619 |
| 84 | Beckenham Boys (J Short) | 4618 |
| 85 | Sedgefieldshire (J Larcombe) | 4617 |
| 86 | The Clapy Pitches (C Grant) | 4609 |
| 87 | May Special's 2 (M Whitley) | 4607 |
| =88 | Hunt 4 £10,000 A (J Hunt) | 4606 |
| =88 | Duncan Idaho D (G Still) | 4606 |
| =90 | The Gillespie Rogues (T Doyle) | 4600 |
| =90 | Formula 5 (M Loveridge) | 4600 |
| =90 | Leather Willows (K Booth) | 4600 |
| =90 | D J M 5 (DJ Mead) | 4600 |
| 94 | Hunt 4 £10,000 H (J Hunt) | 4598 |
| 95 | Two Peg Out (D Portwood) | 4597 |
| 96 | Hobbs Bob's XI (A Grant) | 4596 |
| 97 | The Funky Beavers (S Gamms) | 4584 |
| 98 | L For Leather (D Southgate) | 4580 |
| 99 | Crafty Cricketers (M Hawkins) | 4578 |
| 100 | Rollings Stampum (D Finley) | 4575 |

## INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by May 27. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**, Rising Stars in *italic*.

*The transfer line will open at 6am each Tuesday and will close at 6pm the following Monday. All transfers made during this period will be applied to team selectors' teams prior to the commencement of the next first-class match (transfer times may may be altered slightly to accomodate schedule of first-class matches and prior notification will be published in The Times). Transfers may only be made by telephone by calling*

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### Batsmen (001-135)

| Player (No) | Runs | | Wkts | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C J Adams (001) | 322 | (58) | 0 | (0) | 322 | (58) |
| G F Archer (002) | 181 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 181 | (0) |
| M A Atherton (003) | 268 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 268 | (0) |
| C W J Athey (004) | 278 | (77) | 0 | (0) | 278 | (77) |
| M Azharuddin (005) | 91 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 91 | (0) |
| R J Bailey (006) | 116 | (34) | 0 | (0) | 116 | (34) |
| K J Barnett (007) | 351 | (39) | 5 | (0) | 451 | (39) |
| M R Benson (008) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M G Bevan (009) | 490 | (95) | 0 | (0) | 490 | (95) |
| D J Bicknell (010) | 103 | (30) | 0 | (0) | 103 | (30) |
| *D A Blenkiron (011)* | *102* | *(102)* | *0* | *(0)* | *102* | *(102)* |
| P D Bowler (012) | 384 | (100) | 0 | (0) | 384 | (100) |
| N E Briers (013) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A D Brown (014) | 56 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 56 | (0) |
| *D Byas (015)* | *277* | *(123)* | *0* | *(0)* | *277* | *(123)* |
| S L Campbell (016) | 51 | (9) | 0 | (0) | 51 | (9) |
| J D Carr (017) | 179 | (1) | 0 | (0) | 179 | (1) |
| M J Church (018) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *P A Cottey (019)* | *341* | *(5)* | *0* | *(0)* | *341* | *(5)* |
| G R Cowdrey (020) | 256 | (7) | 0 | (0) | 256 | (7) |
| J P Crawley (021) | 201 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 201 | (0) |
| C D Crowe (022) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *R J Cunliffe (023)* | *79* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *79* | *(0)* |
| T S Curtis (024) | 171 | (104) | 0 | (0) | 171 | (104) |
| J A Daley (025) | 116 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 116 | (0) |
| A J Dalton (026) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *R I Dawson (027)* | 36 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 56 | (0) |
| M P Dowman (028) | 28 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 28 | (0) |
| N H Fairbrother (029) | 224 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 224 | (0) |
| A Flintoff (030) | 2 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 2 | (0) |
| A Fordham (031) | 139 | (18) | 0 | (0) | 139 | (18) |
| D P Fulton (032) | 161 | (34) | 0 | (0) | 161 | (34) |
| J E R Gallian (033) | 231 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 311 | (0) |
| M W Gatting (034) | 463 | (1) | 0 | (0) | 463 | (1) |
| N A Gie (035) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| G A Gooch (036) | 338 | (17) | 1 | (0) | 358 | (17) |
| K Greenfield (037) | 206 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 206 | (0) |
| A Habib (038) | 325 | (24) | 0 | (0) | 325 | (24) |
| J W Hall (039) | 98 | (4) | 0 | (0) | 98 | (4) |
| T H C Hancock (040) | 310 | (135) | 0 | (0) | 310 | (135) |
| R J Harden (041) | 64 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 64 | (0) |
| *M E Harvey (042)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| A N Hayhurst (043) | 96 | (15) | 0 | (0) | 96 | (15) |
| G R Haynes (044) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| D L Hemp (045) | 103 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 123 | (0) |
| *G A Hick (046)* | *274* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *274* | *(0)* |
| A J Hollioake (047) | 396 | (69) | 3 | (0) | 456 | (69) |
| N Hussain (048) | 259 | (81) | 0 | (0) | 259 | (81) |
| S Hutton (049) | 195 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 195 | (0) |
| **Ijaz Ahmed (050)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| **Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S P James (052) | 417 | (109) | 0 | (0) | 417 | (109) |
| *P Johnson (053)* | *247* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *247* | *(0)* |
| D M Jones (054) | 413 | (43) | 2 | (2) | 453 | (83) |
| V Kambli (055) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M Keech (056) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *W S Kendall (057)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| G J Kennis (058) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| W G Khan (059) | 194 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 194 | (0) |
| N V Knight (060) | 419 | (57) | 0 | (0) | 419 | (57) |
| J S Laney (061) | 284 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 284 | (0) |
| M N Lathwell (062) | 228 | (44) | 0 | (0) | 228 | (44) |
| S G Law (063) | 435 | (30) | 1 | (0) | 455 | (30) |
| *D A Leatherdale (064)* | *231* | *(30)* | *1* | *(0)* | *251* | *(30)* |
| N J Lenham (065) | 245 | (40) | 0 | (0) | 245 | (40) |
| J J B Lewis (066) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| N J Llong (067) | 10 | (10) | 0 | (0) | 10 | (10) |
| *G D Lloyd (068)* | *110* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *110* | *(0)* |
| J I Longley (069) | 6 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 6 | (0) |
| M B Loye (070) | 260 | (114) | 0 | (0) | 260 | (114) |
| *M A Lynch (071)* | 51 | (46) | 0 | (0) | 51 | (46) |
| G I Macmillan (072) | 66 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 66 | (0) |
| D L Maddy (073) | 226 | (36) | 4 | (0) | 306 | (36) |
| S V Manjrekar (074) | 149 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 149 | (0) |
| *M P Maynard (075)* | *377* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *377* | *(0)* |
| A McGrath (076) | 337 | (141) | 0 | (0) | 337 | (141) |
| A A Metcalfe (077) | 145 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 145 | (0) |
| A J Moles (078) | 66 | (66) | 0 | (0) | 66 | (66) |
| R R Montgomerie (079) | 331 | (24) | 0 | (0) | 331 | (24) |
| T M Moody (080) | 166 | (1) | 4 | (0) | 246 | (1) |
| H Morris (081) | 535 | (8) | 0 | (0) | 535 | (8) |
| J E Morris (082) | 175 | (35) | 0 | (0) | 175 | (35) |
| R S M Morris (083) | 83 | (17) | 0 | (0) | 83 | (17) |
| M D Moxon (084) | 356 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 356 | (0) |
| K Newell (085) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *T J G O'Gorman (086)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| D P Ostler (087) | 252 | (34) | 0 | (0) | 252 | (34) |
| J E Owen (088) | 290 | (78) | 0 | (0) | 290 | (78) |
| K A Parsons (089) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| T L Penney (090) | 265 | (9) | 0 | (0) | 265 | (9) |
| P R Pollard (091) | 136 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 136 | (0) |
| J C Pooley (092) | 291 | (5) | 0 | (0) | 291 | (5) |
| P J Prichard (093) | 207 | (44) | 0 | (0) | 207 | (44) |
| M R Ramprakash (094) | 115 | (24) | 2 | (2) | 155 | (64) |
| *J D Ratcliffe (095)* | *30* | *(30)* | *1* | *(1)* | *50* | *(50)* |
| *D D J Robinson (096)* | 281 | (92) | 0 | (0) | 281 | (92) |
| P E Robinson (097) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R T Robinson (098) | 260 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 260 | (0) |
| A S Rollins (099) | 294 | (27) | 0 | (0) | 294 | (27) |
| M A Roseberry (100) | 335 | (10) | 0 | (0) | 335 | (10) |
| **Saeed Anwar (101)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *O A Shah (102)* | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *N Shahid (103)* | 7 | (7) | 0 | (0) | 7 | (7) |
| **Salim Malik (104)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| D J Sales (105) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| **N S Sidhu (106)** | 171 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 171 | (0) |
| **P V Simmons (107)** | 219 | (143) | 4 | (0) | 299 | (143) |
| *A Singh (108)* | 206 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 206 | (0) |
| B F Smith (109) | 277 | (45) | 0 | (0) | 277 | (45) |
| R A Smith (110) | 127 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 127 | (0) |
| *N J Speak (111)* | *171* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *171* | *(0)* |
| M P Speight (112) | 144 | (24) | 0 | (0) | 144 | (24) |
| A J Stewart (113) | 82 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 82 | (0) |
| I J Sutcliffe (114) | 151 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 151 | (0) |
| *A Symonds (115)* | 318 | (32) | 0 | (0) | 318 | (32) |
| N R Taylor (116) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| **S R Tendulkar (117)** | 204 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 224 | (0) |
| V P Terry (118) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| G P Thorpe (119) | 333 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 333 | (0) |
| S P Titchard (120) | 4 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 4 | (0) |
| M E Trescothick (121) | 83 | (83) | 0 | (0) | 83 | (83) |
| T A Tweats (122) | 96 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 96 | (0) |
| M P Vaughan (123) | 258 | (25) | 1 | (0) | 278 | (25) |
| *M J Walker (124)* | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| T C Walton (125) | 55 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 55 | (0) |
| *D M Ward (126)* | 64 | (64) | 0 | (0) | 64 | (64) |
| T R Ward (127) | 318 | (161) | 2 | (2) | 358 | (201) |
| A P Wells (128) | 262 | (92) | 0 | (0) | 262 | (92) |
| R M S Weston (129) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *W P C Weston (130)* | *324* | *(122)* | *0* | *(0)* | *324* | *(122)* |
| G W White (131) | 120 | (35) | 0 | (0) | 120 | (35) |
| J J Whitaker (132) | 382 | (15) | 0 | (0) | 382 | (15) |
| *P R Whitaker (133)* | 256 | (18) | 4 | (0) | 336 | (18) |
| *M G N Windows (134)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| A J Wright (135) | 217 | (83) | 0 | (0) | 217 | (83) |

### All-rounders (150-203)

| Player (No) | Runs | | Wkts | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Aamir Sohail (150)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M W Alleyne (151) | 140 | (11) | 11 | (2) | 360 | (61) |
| *I D Austin (152)* | *20* | *(0)* | *4* | *(0)* | *100* | *(0)* |
| P Bainbridge (153) | 60 | (16) | 0 | (0) | 60 | (16) |
| *D R Brown (154)* | 155 | (56) | 6 | (1) | 275 | (76) |
| M A Butcher (155) | 290 | (96) | 1 | (0) | 310 | (96) |
| C L Cairns (156) | 169 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 349 | (0) |
| D J Capel (157) | 215 | (68) | 3 | (1) | 275 | (88) |
| D G Cork (158) | 131 | (0) | 10 | (0) | 331 | (0) |
| R D B Croft (159) | 133 | (82) | 14 | (0) | 413 | (82) |
| K M Curran (160) | 88 | (5) | 4 | (0) | 168 | (5) |
| A Dale (161) | 211 | (29) | 3 | (0) | 271 | (29) |
| P A J DeFreitas (162) | 19 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 39 | (0) |
| *V C Drakes (163)* | 83 | (3) | 3 | (1) | 143 | (23) |
| M A Ealham (164) | 141 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 201 | (0) |
| S C Ecclestone (165) | 6 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 6 | (0) |
| K P Evans (166) | 0 | (0) | 2 | (1) | 40 | (20) |
| M A Feltham (167) | 13 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 13 | (0) |
| M V Fleming (168) | 118 | (17) | 2 | (1) | 158 | (37) |
| A P Grayson (169) | 128 | (51) | 5 | (0) | 228 | (51) |
| O D Gibson (170) | 85 | (85) | 0 | (0) | 85 | (85) |
| F A Griffith (171) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| C L Hooper (172) | 256 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 436 | (0) |
| R C Irani (173) | 320 | (0) | 10 | (0) | 520 | (0) |
| *A D Jadeja (174)* | 133 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 133 | (0) |
| K D James (175) | 182 | (36) | 5 | (1) | 282 | (56) |
| B P Julian (176) | 206 | (41) | 9 | (5) | 386 | (141) |
| J H Kallis (177) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S R Lampitt (178) | 147 | (31) | 10 | (2) | 347 | (71) |
| S Lee (179) | 382 | (113) | 12 | (0) | 622 | (113) |
| C C Lewis (180) | 113 | (0) | 8 | (0) | 273 | (0) |
| *G W Mike (181)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| A C Morris (182) | 127 | (27) | 3 | (1) | 187 | (47) |
| **Mushtaq Ahmed (183)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| D J Nash (184) | 15 | (1) | 1 | (1) | 35 | (21) |
| A L Penberthy (185) | 95 | (45) | 7 | (1) | 235 | (65) |
| S M Pollock (186) | 105 | (30) | 7 | (0) | 245 | (30) |
| D A Reeve (187) | 286 | (55) | 4 | (0) | 366 | (55) |
| G D Rose (188) | 51 | (9) | 19 | (3) | 431 | (69) |
| V S Solanki (189) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *A W Smith (190)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| N M K Smith (191) | 50 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 230 | (0) |
| P A Smith (192) | 2 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 22 | (0) |
| J N Snape (193) | 64 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 64 | (0) |
| *J P Stephenson (194)* | *139* | *(6)* | *1* | *(1)* | *159* | *(26)* |
| C M Tolley (195) | 34 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 74 | (0) |
| **Wasim Akram (196)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M Watkinson (197) | 102 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 282 | (0) |
| *G Welch (198)* | *48* | *(4)* | *14* | *(4)* | *328* | *(84)* |
| C M Wells (199) | 284 | (5) | 2 | (0) | 324 | (5) |
| V J Wells (200) | 174 | (21) | 5 | (1) | 274 | (41) |
| P N Weekes (201) | 204 | (1) | 8 | (0) | 364 | (1) |
| *C White (202)* | 116 | (20) | 16 | (4) | 436 | (100) |
| J R Wileman (203) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |

### Wicketkeepers (225-256)

| Player (No) | Runs | | Wkts | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A N Aymes (225) | 266 | (69) | 14 | (1) | 546 | (89) |
| R J Blakey (226) | 173 | (60) | 9 | (0) | 353 | (60) |
| K R Brown (227) | 139 | (28) | 8 | (2) | 299 | (68) |
| M Burns (228) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S P Griffiths (229) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| W K Hegg (230) | 237 | (0) | 10 | (0) | 437 | (0) |
| P C L Holloway (231) | 137 | (5) | 1 | (0) | 157 | (5) |
| *G J Kersey (232)* | 48 | (40) | 8 | (2) | 208 | (80) |
| J A Knott (233) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| K M Krikken (234) | 226 | (22) | 16 | (2) | 546 | (62) |
| D G C Ligertwood (235) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S A Marsh (236) | 196 | (4) | 8 | (2) | 356 | (44) |
| C P Metson (237) | 16 | (0) | 8 | (0) | 176 | (0) |
| P Moores (238) | 108 | (36) | 6 | (4) | 228 | (116) |
| N R Mongia (239) | 11 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 31 | (0) |
| P A Nixon (240) | 238 | (1) | 16 | (4) | 558 | (81) |
| W M Noon (241) | 51 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 231 | (0) |
| K J Piper (242) | 92 | (43) | 9 | (3) | 272 | (103) |
| **Rashid Latif (243)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S J Rhodes (244) | 176 | (53) | 10 | (4) | 376 | (133) |
| D Ripley (245) | 82 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 122 | (0) |
| R J Rollins (246) | 150 | (46) | 18 | (3) | 510 | (106) |
| *R C Russell (247)* | 146 | (42) | 8 | (1) | 306 | (62) |
| N F Sargeant (248) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| C W Scott (249) | 144 | (10) | 18 | (2) | 504 | (50) |
| *A D Shaw (250)* | 8 | (8) | 1 | (1) | 28 | (28) |
| R J Turner (251) | 79 | (15) | 14 | (1) | 359 | (35) |
| L N Walker (252) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R J Warren (253) | 265 | (28) | 3 | (0) | 325 | (28) |
| *P Whitticase (254)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| R C J Williams (255) | 9 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 29 | (0) |
| S C Willis (256) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |

### Bowlers (275-404)

| Player (No) | Runs | | Wkts | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P R Adams (275) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *J A Afford (276)* | 8 | (0) | 16 | (0) | 328 | (0) |
| U Afzaal (277) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| P Aldred (278) | 10 | (1) | 5 | (0) | 110 | (1) |
| **C E L Ambrose (279)** | 21 | (21) | 2 | (2) | 61 | (61) |
| S J W Andrew (280) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| **Aqib Javed (281)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M C J Ball (282) | 48 | (7) | 8 | (4) | 208 | (87) |
| S R Barwick (283) | 5 | (1) | 1 | (0) | 25 | (1) |
| S J Base (284) | 1 | (1) | 1 | (1) | 21 | (21) |
| R T Bates (285) | 43 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 163 | (0) |
| J D Batty (286) | 84 | (0) | 5 | (2) | 184 | (40) |
| *M A V Bell (287)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| J E Benjamin (288) | 0 | (0) | 2 | (2) | 40 | (40) |
| W K M Benjamin (289) | 140 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 260 | (0) |
| M M Betts (290) | 11 | (0) | 23 | (3) | 471 | (60) |
| M P Bicknell (291) | 38 | (6) | 11 | (3) | 258 | (66) |
| S D Birbeck (292) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 20 | (0) |
| D J P Boden (293) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| J Boiling (294) | 31 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 111 | (0) |
| J N B Bovill (295) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M T Brimson (296) | 0 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 80 | (0) |
| J E Brinkley (297) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S J E Brown (298) | 52 | (3) | 25 | (6) | 552 | (123) |
| A R Caddick (299) | 9 | (0) | 7 | (1) | 149 | (20) |
| R J Chapman (300) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (1) | 20 | (20) |
| G Chapple (301) | 44 | (0) | 8 | (0) | 204 | (0) |
| J H Childs (302) | 1 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 41 | (0) |
| V P Clarke (303) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| C A Connor (304) | 81 | (42) | 14 | (1) | 361 | (62) |
| K E Cooper (305) | 5 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 105 | (0) |
| D M Cousins (306) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A P Cowan (307) | 3 | (0) | 5 | (2) | 103 | (40) |
| *D M Cox (308)* | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R P Davis (309) | 93 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 173 | (0) |
| J M De La Pena (310) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| N A Derbyshire (311) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R R Dibden (312) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M Dimond (313) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A D Edwards (314) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *S W K Ellis (315)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| S Elworthy (316) | 136 | (0) | 12 | (0) | 376 | (0) |
| A R C Fraser (317) | 22 | (2) | 9 | (1) | 202 | (22) |
| E S H Giddins (318) | 9 | (0) | 14 | (3) | 289 | (60) |
| *A F Giles (319)* | 41 | (21) | 14 | (0) | 321 | (21) |
| D Gough (320) | 104 | (0) | 11 | (0) | 324 | (0) |
| R J Green (321) | 14 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 134 | (0) |
| J C Hallett (322) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *G M Hamilton (323)* | *0* | *(0)* | *2* | *(0)* | *40* | *(0)* |
| A J Harris (324) | 27 | (9) | 8 | (3) | 187 | (69) |
| P J Hartley (325) | 72 | (5) | 13 | (1) | 332 | (25) |
| D W Headley (326) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *J E Hindson (327)* | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| J G Hughes (328) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A P Igglesden (329) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R K Illingworth (330) | 133 | (0) | 7 | (2) | 273 | (40) |
| M C Ilott (331) | 101 | (6) | 13 | (3) | 361 | (66) |
| P W Jarvis (332) | 73 | (0) | 7 | (3) | 213 | (60) |
| R L Johnson (333) | 44 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 84 | (0) |
| G Keedy (334) | 29 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 69 | (0) |
| N M Kendrick (335) | 16 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 56 | (0) |
| S G Kenlock (336) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| J I D Kerr (337) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A A Khan (338) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| N Killeen (339) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 20 | (0) |
| R J Kirtley (340) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A Kumble (341) | 7 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 67 | (0) |
| *R P Lefebvre (342)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| J Lewis (343) | 48 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 168 | (0) |
| J D Lewry (344) | 0 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 100 | (0) |
| M J McCague (345) | 109 | (4) | 14 | (4) | 389 | (84) |
| *D E Malcolm (346)* | 10 | (7) | 19 | (2) | 390 | (47) |
| N A Mallender (347) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 20 | (0) |
| P J Martin (348) | 54 | (0) | 11 | (0) | 274 | (0) |
| *R S C Martin-Jenkins (349)* | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *R J Maru (350)* | *36* | *(8)* | *3* | *(0)* | *96* | *(8)* |
| S M Milburn (352) | 80 | (19) | 11 | (3) | 300 | (79) |
| D J Millns (353) | 114 | (28) | 18 | (3) | 474 | (88) |
| A D Mullally (354) | 8 | (0) | 23 | (5) | 468 | (100) |
| *T A Munton (355)* | *54* | *(0)* | *10* | *(0)* | *254* | *(0)* |
| P J Newport (356) | 68 | (0) | 9 | (6) | 248 | (120) |
| R W Nowell (357) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| J Ormond (358) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| G J Parsons (359) | 82 | (1) | 9 | (3) | 262 | (61) |
| M M Patel (360) | 56 | (0) | 17 | (1) | 396 | (20) |
| R M Pearson (361) | 9 | (1) | 6 | (0) | 129 | (1) |
| D B Pennett (362) | 27 | (0) | 7 | (0) | 167 | (0) |
| *N C Phillips (363)* | 100 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 180 | (0) |
| R A Pick (364) | 18 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 78 | (0) |
| A R K Pierson (365) | 30 | (2) | 11 | (5) | 250 | (102) |
| A C S Pigott (366) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| V J Pike (367) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S L V Raju (368) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 20 | (0) |
| A R Roberts (369) | 0 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 60 | (0) |
| *M A Robinson (370)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| I D K Salisbury (371) | 64 | (10) | 3 | (0) | 124 | (10) |
| **Saqlain Mushtaq (372)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| B N Schultz (373) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| J P Searle (374) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| D J Shadford (375) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| K P Sheeraz (376) | 3 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 23 | (0) |
| *A Sheriyar (377)* | 13 | (0) | 9 | (3) | 193 | (60) |
| K J Shine (378) | 64 | (0) | 17 | (3) | 404 | (60) |
| *C E W Silverwood (379)* | 46 | (0) | 7 | (2) | 186 | (40) |
| G C Small (380) | 0 | (0) | 2 | (2) | 40 | (40) |
| *A M Smith (381)* | 73 | (0) | 16 | (3) | 393 | (60) |
| *D J Spencer (382)* | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| J Srinath (383) | 50 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 170 | (0) |
| E J Stanford (384) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R D Stemp (385) | 107 | (0) | 6 | (2) | 227 | (40) |
| P M Such (386) | 8 | (0) | 15 | (2) | 308 | (40) |
| J P Taylor (387) | 18 | (18) | 9 | (1) | 198 | (38) |
| *S D Thomas (388)* | *75* | *(23)* | *8* | *(1)* | *235* | *(43)* |
| J B Thompson (389) | 89 | (28) | 7 | (0) | 229 | (28) |
| M J Thursfield (390) | 30 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 90 | (0) |
| H R J Trump (391) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *A J Tudor (392)* | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| P C R Tufnell (393) | 13 | (0) | 7 | (0) | 153 | (0) |
| S D Udal (394) | 65 | (5) | 3 | (1) | 125 | (25) |
| A P van Troost (395) | 8 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 68 | (0) |
| **C A Walsh (396)** | 22 | (8) | 12 | (4) | 262 | (88) |
| A Walker (397) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A E Warner (398) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 20 | (0) |
| *S L Watkin (399)* | *33* | *(17)* | *17* | *(3)* | *373* | *(77)* |
| **Waqar Younis (400)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| N F Williams (401) | 83 | (15) | 10 | (2) | 283 | (55) |
| J Wood (402) | 14 | (14) | 6 | (6) | 134 | (134) |
| T N Wren (403) | 15 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 35 | (0) |
| G Yates (404) | 5 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 5 | (0) |

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders

☐ *Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record*

# Old rivals attempt to rekindle flame

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

THE county championship has seen few greater games than last season's meeting of Warwickshire and Northamptonshire and few more intriguing duels than they engaged in through the summer at the head of the table. The appeal of this season's meeting, which begins at Northampton today, is no less for the fact that neither team has begun the new season as they would wish.

These sides were inextricably linked last year, when they dominated the top of the championship for all but a fortnight and then contested the final of the NatWest Trophy, Warwickshire winning both competitions. Their rivalry continues, for they have been drawn together in the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup, and both teams will regard today's game as an indicator to their championship prospects.

Northamptonshire have yet to win after three games this season and are quoted at 33-1 for the title by William Hill, odds that will look generous if they can repeat last July's breathtaking victory over the champions. That was one of only two defeats suffered by Warwickshire, who at no stage played two consecutive games without a win all summer.

They have done that already this season and been thoroughly outplayed both times. Phil Neale, who took over Warwickshire's management after fulfilling a comparable role with Northamptonshire, said: "Our middle-order batting has been below par. If you only make around 160 in a four-day game, more often than not you will be batted out of the match."

Nick Knight, the Warwickshire opener, has a fitness test on his cracked index finger, a process that will be pertinent to the weekend selection of the England Test team. As for the head of the championship, three of the top four are idle, so Yorkshire, who play Middlesex at Lord's, have a rare opportunity to lead the table.

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## Stoute adopts cautious approach as Derby hope faces weekend test

# Dr Massini nursed back to fitness

By Julian Muscat

DR MASSINI, a leading Derby contender, returned to the Newmarket gallops yesterday for his first serious workout since recovering from the leg injury that had threatened his participation at Epsom.

The Sadler's Wells colt worked on the Limekilns but he was not asked for his longest stride in the closing stages. Stoute was content to see Dr Massini complete the gallop as he considered how best to prepare the colt for the classic on Saturday week.

A fluent winner of the Glasgow Stakes at York two weeks ago, Dr Massini contracted a bout of lameness which necessitated his withdrawal from fast work. The horse is one of a number of Derby candidates afflicted by an interrupted preparation but Stoute remains hopeful that Dr Massini will do himself justice.

"One never likes a delay in the build-up to a race of this importance," Stoute said yesterday. "The horse galloped today for the first time since York, so it wasn't testing work. It will be a bit stronger next time. His next bit of work over the weekend will tell us whether we can produce him as we would like for the Derby."

Another horse in the wars is Mark Of Esteem. Godolphin's principal Derby candidate was yesterday prevented from exercising for the second consecutive morning after he succumbed to a high temperature. Whatever was ailing the colt now appears to have passed, but Godolphin's racing manager, Simon Crisford, acknowledged that the development was unwelcome.

He said yesterday: "I'm not scare-mongering, but every little bobble so close to a big race sets the alarm bells ringing," he said yesterday. "The horse was scheduled to have a big workout this morning, so we have put that back until the weekend."

On a busy morning at Newmarket, Henry Cecil put a second significant gallop into Dushyantor, who disputes Derby favouritism with Dr Massini and Glory Of Dancer with Ladbrokes. Dushyantor, himself detained with an infected foot, had to work hard to stay ahead of Storm Trooper and Clever Cliche at the end of ten furlongs.

Cecil said: "Storm Trooper is in good order and worked well. Dushyantor, as usual, ran lazily when he hit the front but travelled well through the gallop." No decision on Clever Cliche's Epsom participation has yet been made.

Glory Of Dancer was not asked to gallop hard yesterday. He covered 12 furlongs at a swinging canter and his trainer, Paul Kelleway, said: "The horse is a tough character but the Epsom track concerns me. He would eat them for breakfast on a flat track." Kelleway has secured Glory Of Dancer's jockey, Olivier Peslier, a ride around 12 furlongs of the switchback circuit 24 hours before the Derby. The Frenchman has yet to set eyes on Epsom.

Magnificient Style's performance in a gallop with Lady Carla yesterday convinced connections that she merits the £15,000 supplementary entry fee to the Oaks tomorrow week. Cecil, who trains Magnificient Style, has approached Mick Kinane for the ride.

A decision on whether the Lupe Stakes winner, Whitewater Affair, will also be supplemented has been deferred until today. Connections believe her chance is strong but are reluctant to start her on fast ground.

Also on the Oaks front, Pricket, the red-hot favourite from the Godolphin camp, completed her serious work when pulling clear of her lead horse, Redoubtable.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

The Dante Stakes winner, Glory Of Dancer, right, had a 12-furlong canter yesterday in his preparation for the Derby

**RICHARD EVANS**

**Nap: HALEBID**
(4.10 Brighton)
**Next best: Labudd**
(3.10 Brighton)

## CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.20 Plan For Profit. 2.50 Cheerful Groom. 3.20 Six Clerks. 3.50 Dimakya. 4.20 Imp Express. 4.50 Campaspe.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 **SANDBLASTER**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 Dimakya.

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DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

### 2.20 TUCK SHOP MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,982: 5f 207yd) (15 runners)

1 (4) 06 EAGER TO PLEASE 26 J Berry 8-10 K Darley 86
2 (6) 206 DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 17 N Tinkler 8-6 Kim Tinkler 98
3 (8) 65 FINE TIMES 17 C Fairhurst 8-6 D McKeown ●
4 (7) IMPERIAL OR METRIC J Berry 8-6 J Carroll –
5 (2) 0 OCKER 27 M Tompkins 8-6 P Robinson 90
6 (14) 54 PLAN FOR PROFIT 24 (BF) M Johnston 8-6 J Weaver 97
7 (3) SWISS COAST Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 K Fallon –
8 (5) 0 BALLYDINERO 12 J Wilson 8-3 P Fessey (5) –
9 (11) CHASETOWN FLYER R Hollinshead 8-3 L Dettori –
10 (1) DISSINGTON TIMES J Norton 8-3 Dale Gibson –
11 (15) 3 KOMASTA 21 J Wilson 8-3 R Hills 77
12 (10) 064 PANDICULATION 20 E Weymes 8-3 J Quinn 98
13 (13) TWO ON THE BRIDGE Denys Smith 8-3 L Charnock –
14 (12) ZAGROS T Easterby 8-3 M Birch –
15 (9) 5 DASHING ROCKSVILLE 12 M Channon 7-12 A Mackay 90

9-2 Ocker, 11-2 Dashing Rocksville, 6-1 Plan For Profit, Imperial Or Metric, 8-1 Swiss Coast, 10-1 Eager To Please, Pandiculation, 12-1 others.

### 2.50 MALT HOUSE VINTNERS HANDICAP
(£3,078: 6f 206yd) (15)

1 (5) 0-40 SUPERPRIDE 23 (S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-10 K Darley 88
2 (4) -340 GYMCRAK FLYER 5 (D,F,G) G Holmes 5-9-8 N Connorton 90
3 (1) 0000 SPANISH VERDICT 8 (C,D,F,G) Denys Smith 9-9-6 J Fortune 91
4 (2) 0000 BIRCHWOOD SUN 20 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M Dods 6-9-4 L Dettori 95
5 (9) -035 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 21 (B,D,F) M Johnston 4-9-3 J Weaver 91
6 (10) 0055 JUST DISSIDENT 13 (F) R Whitaker 4-9-2 A Culhane 89
7 (13) 0010 SPANISH STEPS 8 (B,F) M W Easterby 4-9-0 G Parkin (5) 91
8 (3) 0020 COMMANDER GLEN 10 (B) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-12 K Fallon 88
9 (8) 0005 CEE-JAY-AY 10 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 9-8-10 J Carroll 90
10 (7) 0205 THWAAB 20 F Watson 4-8-8 J Quinn 87
11 (15) 0422 PC'S CRUISER 17 (B,G) J Eyre 4-8-7 R Lappin 91
12 (12) 3000 NORTHERN SPARK 22 (CD,F) Miss L Perratt 8-8-7 J Fanning 88
13 (11) 0032 BRAMBLES WAY 6 (V) W Barker 7-8-5 Martin Dwyer (5) ●
14 (6) 0-33 MISS PIGALLE 10 (B,D,F) Miss L Perratt 5-8-1 Dale Gibson 90
15 (14) 6051 CHEERFUL GROOM 23 (CD,F) S Bowring 5-8-1 N Kennedy 93

5-1 Pc's Cruiser, 7-1 Three Arch Bridge, 8-1 Cheerful Groom, Cee-Jay-Ay, 10-1 Miss Pigalle, Gymcrak Flyer, Just Dissident, 12-1 others.

### 3.20 BOOKER CASH & CARRY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,050: 7f 214yd) (11)

1 (2) 1420 GREEN GEM 12 (S) S Williams 9-7 K Darley 98
2 (1) 0-30 NKAPEN ROCKS 36 J Wilson 9-7 J Carroll 92
3 (3) -000 KHABAR 19 R Bastiman 9-5 H Bastiman (5) 96
4 (5) 0400 BOLLIN JACOB 13 T Easterby 9-2 M Birch 90
5 (9) 2500 SIX CLERKS 17 (B) J Fitzgerald 9-1 L Dettori 92
6 (8) 003 OLD HUSH WING 28 P Haslam 8-11 J Fortune 90
7 (11) 50-0 BOUNDARY BIRD 49 (B) M Johnston 8-9 J Weaver 92
8 (4) -623 SANDBLASTER 7 Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 K Fallon ●
9 (10) 530- OARE BUDGIE 317 E Incisa 7-13 Kim Tinkler 94
10 (7) 0-46 CONTRACT BRIDGE 20 C Thornton 7-10 N Varley (3) 92
11 (6) 000- BOLD FUTURE 259 J Watts 7-10 L Charnock –

4-1 Sandblaster, 9-2 Six Clerks, 7-1 Contract Bridge, Bollin Jacob, Green Gem, 8-1 Nkapen Rocks, Boundary Bird, 10-1 others.

### 3.50 GOLD MARK MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(£3,485: 7f 214yd) (4)

1 (1) 22-4 DIMAKYA 30 D Loder 3-8-9 L Dettori ●
2 (2) 23-3 HULM 22 H Thomson Jones 3-8-9 R Hills 85
3 (4) MAGIC CAROUSEL M Johnston 3-8-9 J Weaver –
4 (3) 00 WINN CALEY 9 C Fairhurst 3-8-9 D McKeown 60

4-7 Dimakya, 5-2 Hulm, 9-2 Magic Carousel, 25-1 Winn Caley.

### 4.20 CHEF'S LARDER LIMITED STAKES
(£2,745: 5f) (14)

1 (2) 5603 FEATHERSTONE LANE 7 (V,D,F) Miss L Siddall 5-9-6 L Dettori 87
2 (13) 3446 LOCHON 36 (D,BF,F,G) J Eyre 5-9-6 R Lappin 85
3 (14) 0060 AQUADO 5 (B,D,F,G) S Bowring 7-9-3 J Quinn 79
4 (10) 6-55 BRISAS 110 (CD,F,G) C Fairhurst 9-9-3 D McKeown 76
5 (7) 3/0 CACHARRO 45 Miss Z Green 5-9-3 A Mackay –
6 (6) -054 CALL TO THE BAR 8 (D,F,G) M Dods 7-9-3 C Teague (3) ●
7 (9) -000 FIRST OPTION 94 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 6-9-3 H Bastiman (5) –
8 (8) -000 NORDISK LEGEND 10 Mrs D Thomson 4-9-3 O Pears (3) –
9 (4) -000 SERIOUS HURRY 45 (CD,F) R McKellar 8-9-3 D Megarthn (7) 94
10 (5) -000 DOMINELLE 7 (CD,F) T Easterby 4-9-0 M Birch 98
11 (3) 00-0 ROTHERFIELD PARK 37 (D,G) C Smith 4-9-0 Angela Gallimore (7) 93
12 (1) -060 TUTU SIXTYSIX 13 (V,CD,F,G) E Incisa 5-9-0 Kim Tinkler 92
13 (11) 0000 IMP EXPRESS 11 (D,F,G) G Moore 3-8-9 J Weaver –
14 (12) 0006 TROPICAL BEACH 8 (B,D,G) J Berry 3-8-9 J Carroll 94

7-2 Featherstone Lane, 9-2 Dominelle, 8-1 Rotherfield Park, 10-1 Lochon, Call To The Bar, 12-1 Tropical Beach, Serious Hurry, 14-1 others.

### 4.50 FAMILY CHOICE HANDICAP
(£2,927: 1m 6f 32yd) (9)

1 (5) 65/ TWIN FALLS 14J (S) G Moore 5-10-0 J Weaver –
2 (8) 1046 CROSS TALK 17 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-13 L Dettori 90
3 (1) -312 ROYAL EXPRESSION 8 (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9 A Culhane ●
4 (9) 0903 HULLBANK 19 (D,F) W Haigh 6-8-13 J Tate 98
5 (2) 00-1 CAMPASPE 20 (F) J Fitzgerald 4-8-0 J Fanning 97
6 (3) 0430 GREAT ORATION 19 (F) F Watson 7-7-11 J Quinn 96
7 (4) 0500 CAN SHE CAN CAN 19 (F,G) C Smith 4-7-10 Iona Wands (7) 93
8 (7) 43-4 TANCRED MISCHIEF 56 W Barker 5-7-10 Martin Dwyer (5) 85
9 (6) 0-00 DON'T CRY 28 E Incisa 8-7-10 Kim Tinkler 79

9-4 Royal Expression, 3-1 Hullbank, 7-2 Campaspe, 6-1 Great Oration, 8-1 others.

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## HEREFORD

THUNDERER

6.30 Political Panto. 7.00 Just One Canaletto. 7.30 Robert's Toy. 8.00 Final Pride. 8.30 Crackling Frost. 9.00 Sheep Stealer.

GOING: GOOD SIS

### 6.30 VOWCHURCH NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,458: 2m 3f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 0F1R POLITICAL PANTO 13 (BF,F) M Pipe 5-11-9 D Bridgwater
2 1262 LA MENORQUINA 6 (G) D Marks 6-11-4 A P McCoy
3 FFP0 EMBLEY BUOY 7 (S) J Mullins 8-11-2 R Davis
4 RU00 FATHER POWER 72 P Bowen 8-11-2 R Johnson
5 5000 FRED'S BOY 13 J White 6-11-2 W McFarland
6 2UP0 PALACE PARADE 7 G Ham 6-11-2 S Burrough
7 /56 LOVELARK 13 R Lee 7-10-11 C Llewellyn
8 0F00 ONE MORE DIME 12 J Needham 6-10-11 B Fenton (3)
9 000 SCALLY'S SECRET 28 J Peacock 5-10-11 W Marston
10 U5 ASTROLABE 15 J Bradley 4-10-10 Guy Lewis (3)
11 0223 TOPANGA 12 J Bennett 4-10-10 L Harvey
12 0U ROOKERY GIRL 40 Mrs E Heath 4-10-5 A Thornton

11-10 La Menorquina, 7-4 Political Panto, 5-1 Topanga, 16-1 Embley Buoy, 25-1 Fred's Boy, Father Power, Lovelark, 33-1 others.

### 7.00 EDWARDIAN SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,032: 3m 1f 110yd) (18)

1 6042 JIM VALENTINE 12 (F,S) C Broad 10-11-12 A P McCoy
2 P3PU GOLDEN OPAL 3 (D,G,S) R Buckler 11-11-9 B Powell
3 -PUP JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 26 Mrs J Scrivens 13-11-9 Mr B Pollock (5)
4 PP-P COSMIC FORCE 15 (V,F,G) H Oliver 12-11-2 Jacqui Oliver
5 P026 BRINDLEY HOUSE 15 (S) J White 9-11-1 D Morris
6 24P0 ROYAL IRISH 22 (B,S) C Egerton 12-10-13 G Bradley
7 0333 SEA PATROL 16 (B,F) M Pipe 9-10-13 D Bridgwater
8 0P06 ARTFUL ARTHUR 7 (G) L Grassick 10-10-13 Mr J Grassick
9 1150 BOXING MATCH 34 (F,G,S) J Bradley 9-10-11 R Johnson
10 FP44 CORACO 27 (B,S) R Phillips 9-10-8 A Thornton
11 -PPP PADDY IN PARIS 82P J Needham 13-10-8 Mr R Thornton (7)
12 5425 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 6 (V,D,F) P Pritchard 11-10-8 R Davis
13 630U JUST ONE CANALETTO 15 (S) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-7 C Llewellyn
14 4246 TURPIN'S GREEN 26 (C,F,G) J King 13-10-7 R Dunwoody
15 P4P3 EYRE POINT 24 Mrs J Pitman 7-10-5 W Marston
16 54P5 SALCOMBE HARBOUR 24 (G,S) P Pritchard 12-10-2 P Pritchard
17 2P00 GILBERT 16 (F) D Carey 8-10-0 J R Kavanagh
18 56P3 THE WEST'S ASLEEP 3 J Ffitch-Heyes 11-10-0 Mr P Henley (5)

7-2 Jim Valentine, 9-2 Eyre Point, 5-1 Just One Canaletto, 6-1 Brindley House, 7-1 Sea Patrol, 12-1 Coraco, The West's Asleep, 14-1 others.

### 7.30 EATON BISHOP NOVICES CHASE (£2,970: 2m) (8)

SKY

1 1F1U NEMURO 20 (B,D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 8-12-8 Mr P Henley (5)
2 5031 CASPIAN BELUGA 13 (D,F) S Knight 8-11-10 G Upton
3 0412 LOWAWATHA 15 (D,F) Mrs E Heath 8-11-10 A Thornton
4 PP0P DIXTON HILL 12 R Dickin 8-11-4 Mr J Culloty (3)
5 3232 HERESTHEDEAL 12 (F,G) G McCourt 7-11-4 B Clifford
6 26-0 LEGAL ARTIST 34 (G) Miss C Johnsey 6-11-4 R Farrant
7 PP-2 PINOCCIO 276 (F) D O'Brien 9-11-4 C Llewellyn
8 5F23 ROBERT'S TOY 15 (B,BF,F,G) M Pipe 5-10-12 D Bridgwater

9-4 Nemuro, 7-2 Heresthedeal, 9-2 Caspian Beluga, 5-1 Lowawatha, 11-2 Robert's Toy, 7-1 Pinoccio 20-1 others.

### 8.00 STOKE EDITH NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,388: 3m 2f) (13)

SKY

1 PUF1 PERCY THROWER 7 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-6 C Llewellyn
2 1343 JAUNTY JUNE 7 (F) B Eckley 5-11-1 A P McCoy
3 DIX SEPT MAI R Buckler 5-11-0 B Powell
4 5-6P MOUNTAIN LEADER 3 D Hyde 6-11-0 B Fenton (3)
5 4P03 PHILATELIC 23 R Alner 5-11-0 J R Kavanagh
6 00P ROYALE CAMERON 13 Mrs F Owen 5-11-0 G Robertson
7 P633 WINTER ROSE 8 M Sheppard 5-11-0 D Walsh (3)
8 -0P3 WOODYOU 15 F Jordan 6-11-0 R Greene
9 1F-6 FINAL PRIDE 26 (F,G,S) P Bowen 10-10-9 R Johnson
10 000 FLAMING ROSE 12 J Edwards 6-10-9 R Dunwoody
11 -005 FLORION 13 C Nash 6-10-9 C Maude
12 0304 GO FROLIC 13 Miss C Phillips 8-10-9 A Thornton
13 0/ LEINTHALL THISTLE 761 J Needham 7-10-9 Mr R Thornton (7)

11-4 Percy Thrower, 7-2 Final Pride, 4-1 Jaunty June, 5-1 Philatelic, 6-1 Winter Rose, 10-1 Go Frolic, 14-1 Mountain Leader, 20-1 others.

### 8.30 COTSWOLD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,983: 2m 3f) (8)

SKY

1 3422 JUDICIAL FIELD 5 (B,D,F,S) N Tinkler 7-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 0312 CHANNEL PASTIME 7 (G) D Burchell 12-11-9 Guy Lewis (3)
3 316F MR PRIMETIME 19 (F) C Brooks 6-11-7 G Bradley
4 413U CRACKLING FROST 15 (G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-5 Mr R Wakley (7)
5 PP03 THIBAAN 52 (B) J White 8-10-1 W McFarland
6 4353 BLESSED OLIVER 24 (F) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-0 Miss A Plunkett (7)
7 FF0P CAPITAL LETTER 45 J Leigh 7-10-0 A Thornton
8 /450 DEEP IN GREEK 3 D Williams 10-10-0 R Johnson

9-4 Judicial Field, 5-2 Channel Pastime, 3-1 Crackling Frost, 4-1 Mr Primetime, 8-1 Blessed Oliver, 14-1 Thibaan, 20-1 others.

### 9.00 TYBERTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,332: 2m 1f) (8)

1 1414 MILL O'THE RAGS 15 (CD,F) Mrs D Haine 7-11-10 B Fenton
2 6313 SHEEP STEALER 29 (BF,F,G) R Peacock 8-11-9 Chris Webb
3 6210 HOT BREEZE 54 (CD,S) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-8 D Walsh
4 3140 CHRIS'S GLEN 8 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 7-11-7 Guy Lewis
5 3542 COMMANCHE CREEK 13 (D,F) Miss J du Plessis 6-11-5 Sophie Mitchell
6 FP40 KERRY JANE 19 N Babbage 6-11-3 Martin Smith (3)
7 03/0 MOST INTERESTING 162 (C,F,S) G Jones 11-10-9 R Johnson
8 30F4 HIGH POST 7 G Ham 7-10-5 R Massey

7-4 Mill O'The Rags 7-2 Sheep Stealer, 4-1 Commanche Creek, 7-1 Hot Breeze, 8-1 Kerry Jane, High Post, 12-1 others.

## COURSE SPECIALISTS

### Carlisle

TRAINERS: M Channon, 10 winners from 16 runners, 62.5%, M Tompkins, 10 from 33, 30.3%; Mrs J Ramsden, 12 from 44, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 66, 24.2%; E Weymes, 4 from 20, 20.0%, J Berry, 17 from 91, 18.7%; M Johnston, 9 from 55, 16.4%; M Dods, 4 from 25, 16.0%

JOCKEYS: P Robinson, 16 from 43, 37.2%: G Parkin, 3 from 11, 27.3%, O Pears, 7 from 32, 21.9%; K Darley, 20 from 107, 18.7%: A Culhane, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Carroll, 14 from 84, 16.7%; J Weaver, 7 from 47, 14.9%, K Fallon, 12 from 83, 14.5%; D McKeown, 10 from 83, 12.0%

### Hereford

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 35 winners from 120 runners, 29.2%; C Brooks, 4 from 14, 28.6%, N Twiston-Davies, 24 from 87, 27.6%, R Buckler, 8 from 30, 26.7%, R Alner, 7 from 29, 24.1%; C Egerton, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J King, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: T J Murphy, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%, R Dunwoody, 21 from 76, 27.6%; C Llewellyn, 20 from 77, 26.0%; A P McCoy, 13 from 58, 22.4%; D Bridgwater, 24 from 115, 20.9%; J R Kavanagh, 12 from 58, 20.7%; R Massey, 3 from 17, 17.6%; R Farrant, 8 from 49, 16.3%.

## MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

6.45 Fonzy. 7.15 Bayrak. 7.45 Garnock Valley. 8.15 Tinklers Folly. 8.45 Ninety-Five. 9.15 Gold Desire.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

### 6.45 DON'T BLINK SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,211: 5f) (6 runners)

1 115 FONZY 7 (B,D,BF,F,G) Mrs L Stubbs 9-2 J Fortune 2
2 58 APICULATE 7 (B) W Kemp 8-11 K Fallon 3
3 BRUTAL FANTASY N Tinkler 8-11 K Darley 5
4 5 NO RUSH 9 J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 6
5 CHANSON D'AMOUR Miss L Perratt 8-6 N Connorton 4
6 CHLOE'S MARK R McKellar 8-6 T Williams 1

Evens Fonzy, 3-1 No Rush, 7-1 Brutal Fantasy, 8-1 Chanson D'Amour, 10-1 Apiculate, Chloe's Mark.

### 7.15 SHERATON GRAND CLAIMING STAKES (£2,624: 1m 4f 31yd) (8)

SKY

1 0-20 BAYRAK 28 (D,BF,G,S) M Ryan 6-9-7 J Carroll 5
2 0-10 LATVIAN 13 (CD,F,G) R Allan 9-9-7 J Fortune 6
3 3323 PHARLY DANCER 82 (D,G) W Haigh 7-8-13 Dale Gibson 4
4 5650 AMBIDEXTROUS 6 (V) E Alston 4-8-11 K Fallon 8
5 -000 JABAROOT 10 (D,F) D Nolan 5-8-9 N Varley (3) 1
6 -004 GOODBYE MILLIE 13 (CD,F,G,S) J Eyre 6-8-8 D Wright (3) 2
7 50-0 KALKO 12 (B,F) J Goldie 7-8-7 P Fessey (5) 3
8 /0-0 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 141 (B) R McKellar 6-8-5 T Williams 7

9-4 Pharly Dancer, 11-4 Latvian, 5-1 Bayrak, 7-1 Ambidextrous, Goodbye Millie, 8-1 Jabaroot, 10-1 others.

### 7.45 SHERATON GRAND CUP
(Handicap: £4,086: 5f) (8)

SKY

1 665- ANOTHER EPISODE 388 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-9-11 K Darley 1
2 -316 GARNOCK VALLEY 27 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 6-9-6 J Carroll 3
3 3002 SWAN AT WHALLEY 8 (D,F) M Wane 4-8-11 P Roberts (5) 2
4 -050 SIX FOR LUCK 20 (CD,F) D Nolan 4-8-9 N Varley (3) 6
5 0030 KALAR 13 (B,D,F,G) D Chapman 7-8-4 L Charnock 7
6 1430 THE INSTITUTE BOY 28 (D,G) Miss J Craze 6-8-1 A Mackay 8
7 0205 SECONDS AWAY 10 (B) J Goldie 5-7-10 J Quinn 5
8 -000 ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 12 (D,S) T Dyer 4-7-10 D Wright (3) 4

3-1 Six For Luck, 7-2 Garnock Valley, 9-2 Swan At Whalley, 5-1 Seconds Away, 6-1 Kalar, The Institute Boy, 8-1 others.

### 8.15 CASTLE HANDICAP
(£2,767: 1m 16yd) (12)

SKY

1 0000 GREAT BEAR 33 (G) D Chapman 4-9-12 P Fessey (5) 9
2 4100 TINKLERS FOLLY 10 (CD,F,B) Denys Smith 4-9-9 J Fortune 6
3 6-U0 LADY SILK 61 (G,S) Miss J Craze 5-9-7 N Connorton 11
4 4134 RAINDEER QUEST 28 (D,F,G) J Eyre 4-9-4 D Wright (3) 10
5 6-00 BOWCLIFFE 22 (F) Mrs A Naughton 5-9-1 J Carroll 2
6 4006 MILL DANCER 6 (D,F,S) E Alston 4-8-12 S D Williams 3
7 0305 WATERLORD 28 (D,S) D Nicholls 6-8-11 J Bramhill (7) 5
8 -180 BEDAZZLE 22 (CD,G) M Brittain 5-8-10 K Darley 12
9 -144 HUTCHIES LADY 10 (D,S) R McKellar 4-8-9 T Williams 4
10 5040 LA DAMA 33 A Mulholland 4-8-9 M McAndrew 7
11 0636 RAPID MOVER 10 (B,S) D Nolan 9-8-6 N Varley (3) 1
12 5004 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 10 (S) Miss L Perratt 4-8-3 J Quinn 8

9-2 Raindeer Quest, 5-1 Hutchies Lady, 7-1 Tinklers Folly, 8-1 Waterlord, Bowcliffe, Rapid Mover, 10-1 others.

### 8.45 GULLANE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,493: 5f) (7)

SKY

1 0-00 CHINA HAND 42 M Wane 4-9-5 J Carroll 3
2 0035 RINUS MANOR 20 E Alston 5-9-5 S D Williams 2
3 0-00 SILK COTTAGE 13 R Whitaker 4-9-5 A Culhane 7
4 0-34 NINETY-FIVE 13 J Fitzgerald 4-9-2 K Fallon 4
5 0040 AYE READY 8 (B) Miss L Perratt 3-8-11 L Charnock 5
6 4-66 LORD CORNELIOUS 12 D Nolan 3-8-11 N Varley (3) 6
7 0-06 READY TEDDY 28 Miss L Perratt 3-8-8 K Darley 1

2-1 Ninety-Five, 7-2 China Hand, 4-1 Silk Cottage, 5-1 Rinus Manor, 8-1 others.

### 9.15 SHERATON GRAND HANDICAP
(£2,957: 1m 3f 32yd) (9)

1 -500 KNAVE 10 P Monteith 3-9-10 S D Williams 2
2 0-02 GREEK GOLD 110 (D,G) W Barker 7-8-7 J Bramhill (7) 5
3 13/0 MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS 12 (BF,F) N Tinkler 5-9-6 L Charnock 1
4 -332 KEEP BATTLING 15J (D,F) J Goldie 6-9-5 J Quinn 8
5 -243 STEADFAST ELITE 12 (S) J J O'Neill 5-9-1 J Fortune 7
6 2424 GOLD DESIRE 6 (G,S) M Brittain 6-8-9 K Darley 3
7 0000 KISMETIM 3 (B,G) D Chapman 6-8-9 P Fessey (5) 4
8 0002 PHAR CLOSER 2 (B) W Kemp 3-8-7 K Fallon 6
9 -065 HERE COMES HERBIE 10 W Storey 4-8-6 Iona Wands (7) 9

9-4 Keep Battling, 3-1 Gold Desire, 5-1 Steadfast Elite, 6-1 Greek Gold, 7-1 McGillycuddy Reeks, 10-1 Knave, 12-1 others.

## COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 7 winners from 23 runners, 30.4%; J Berry, 32 from 159, 20.1%, R Allan, 5 from 31, 16.1%, Denys Smith, 10 from 75, 13.3%, D Nicholls, 3 from 23, 13.0%, R Whitaker, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 35 winners from 155 rides, 21.2%; J Carroll, 26 from 133, 19.5%; J Quinn, 4 from 21, 19.0%; A Culhane, 7 from 38, 18.4%, D Wright, 3 from 22, 13.6%; J Fortune, 14 from 115, 12.2%.

## Southwell result settled

THE Jockey Club yesterday confirmed Hamadryad as the winner of the Marston Moor Selling Hurdle at Southwell on May 20. The result of the photo-finish was disputed by connections of the runner-up, the Sue Wilton-trained Dancing At Laharn. They claimed that the judge, Nick Haynes, had confused a tongue strap for Hamadryad's nose. However, David Pipe, director of public affairs for the Jockey Club, said: "Having examined an enlarged photograph of the finish, the stewards are satisfied that Hamadryad won."

## UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

2.00 All On. 2.30 Lemon's Mill. 3.00 Coast Along. 3.30 Muskora. 4.00 Distant Memory. 4.30 Northern Bluff. 5.00 Blue Marlin.

Carl Evans: 4.30 Northern Bluff.

GOING: GOOD SIS

### 2.00 TRENT BATHROOMS POTTERS PLATE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,905: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 6311 FAUSTINO 24 (F) P Hobbs 4-12-1 A P McCoy
2 0261 ALL ON 12 (D,F) J Hetherton 5-11-9 R Marley
3 /60 CHEER'S BABY 12 G Roe 6-11-0 Sean Graham (7)
4 00P0 LEAP IN THE DARK 8 Miss L Siddall 7-11-0 M Richards
5 5045 LITTLE TINCTURE 8 (B) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 6-11-0 Sophie Mitchell (5)
6 2003 PEMBRIDGE PLACE 22 G Johnson Houghton 5-11-0 A Thornton
7 005 PERFIK LARK 54 R Lee 6-11-0 P McLoughlin
8 PP ALKARINE 90F M Bielby 4-10-8 K Gaule (3)
9 5323 SNOWY PETREL 12 (BF,B) K Bailey 4-10-8 R Dunwoody

5-2 Pembridge Place, 11-4 Faustino, 3-1 Snowy Petrel, 7-2 All On, 6-1 Leap In The Dark, 20-1 Little Tincture, 66-1 others.

### 2.30 TRENT BATHROOMS CENTENARY NOVICES CHASE (£3,550: 3m 2f) (7)

1 1121 LEMON'S MILL 5 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-12-1 D Bridgwater
2 5343 AN SPAILPIN FANACH 17 M McCormack 7-11-2 A Thornton
3 5234 FAMBRIDGE 3 Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2 W Marston
4 1-30 IMAD 37F (G,S) J White 6-11-2 W McFarland
5 6PFF SEA SCAMP 7 (G) D Minty 8-11-2 Mr I Dowrick
6 424U TENBIT 17 (F) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 C Llewellyn
7 P0F4 WOODLANDS POWER 17 P Pritchard 8-11-2 R Davis

4-5 Lemon's Mill, 7-2 Fambridge, 5-1 An Spailpin Fanach, 8-1 Imad, 14-1 Woodlands Power, 16-1 Tenbit, 66-1 Sea Scamp

### 3.00 SUTTON ESTATES CELEBRATION NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,348: 2m) (12)

1 8113 TONYS GIFT 15 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-12 D Bridgwater
2 021F ERINY 22 (D,F,S) J Quinn 7-11-12 D Byrne
3 6011 SHERS DELIGHT 12 (V,D,F,G) O Brennan 6-11-8 M Brennan
4 0052 FRONTIER FLIGHT 3 (D,F) Miss L Siddall 6-11-6 E Husband (3)
5 1432 POLY AMANSHAA 15 (D,BF,G) M Banks 4-11-4 D Skyrme
6 8401 EIGHT SHARP 35 (D,S) M Hammond 4-11-2 R Garritty
7 5118 COAST ALONG 51 (CD,BF,G,S) P Bevan 4-11-2 Mr J Culloty (3)
8 P4P2 DAJRAAN 8 N Twiston-Davies 7-10-13 C Llewellyn
9 40F2 NIGHT TIME 12 A Streeter 4-10-11 T Eley
10 5323 VALISKY 20 R Lee 6-10-8 P McLoughlin
11 0003 MR CHRISTIE 7 (V) Miss L Siddall 4-10-6 A Thornton
12 600P PEUTETRE 38 F Jordan 4-10-0 W Marston

9-2 Poly Amanshaa, 5-1 Shers Delight, 13-2 Tonys Gift, 7-1 Eriny, 8-1 Coast Along, 9-1 Dajraan, Frontier Flight, Mr Christie, 10-1 others

## COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 44 winners from 156 runners, 28.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 5 from 21, 23.8%, K Bailey, 25 from 107, 23.4%, T Forster, 11 from 48, 22.9%; D Nicholson, 17 from 82, 20.7%; N Twiston-Davies, 21 from 103, 20.4%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 10 winners from 39 rides, 25.6%; R Dunwoody, 39 from 170, 22.9%; S McNeill, 12 from 58, 20.7%, J Ryan, 5 from 34, 14.7%; C Llewellyn, 13 from 89, 14.6%; D Bridgwater, 14 from 103, 13.6%.

### 3.30 STAFFORDSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,840: 2m 5f) (5)

1 5052 MUSKORA 8 (B,BF,F,G) P Hobbs 7-11-11 R Dunwoody
2 4R10 MR ENTERTAINER 216 (C,F,S) N Gaselee 13-11-4 C Llewellyn
3 8151 TOUGH DEAL 3 (CD,F,G,S) P Bradley 8-11-3 (7ex) A Thornton
4 FF31 COUNTERBALANCE 45 (CD,F,S) J McConnochie 9-10-12 S McNeill
5 U245 HOWGILL 17 (B,F,G) T Forster 10-10-7 S Wynne

7-4 Muskora, 11-4 Tough Deal, 3-1 Counterbalance, 11-2 Mr Entertainer, 8-1 Howgill

### 4.00 TRENT BATHROOMS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,599: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 1311 NEWTON POINT 19 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholson 7-12-0 R Johnson
2 6402 MENEBUCK 35 (B,F,G,S) Lady Herries 10-11-7 E Murphy
3 4121 CATS RUN 24 (F,G) J Upson 8-11-2 J Ryan
4 PP50 TAROUDANT 22F (BF,G) R Woodhouse 9-11-1 R Dunwoody
5 1110 SOUTH WESTERLY 138 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-9 G Lee (3)
6 2UF5 DISTANT MEMORY 7 (B,D,F,G) P Hobbs 7-10-8 A P McCoy
7 6351 RAQIB 19F (F,G) P Ritchens 5-10-8 S Fox
8 PP25 SECRET FOUR 3 (F,G,S) Mrs S Williams 10-10-7 Sophie Mitchell (5)
9 100U ELITE REG 82 (V,D,F,B,S) M Pipe 7-10-5 D Bridgwater
10 6553 ABLE PLAYER 24 (D,F,G,S) K Drewry 9-10-0 M Sharratt

7-2 Newton Point, 4-1 Menebuck, 5-1 Cats Run, 5-1 Raqib, 7-1 Taroudant, 8-1 South Westerly, 12-1 Secret Four, 16-1 others

### 4.30 DOUGLAS MACMILLAN HOSPICE NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (£1,089: 2m 5f) (14)

1 6/1 ACROSS THE CARD 11P (F,G,S) C Ramsay 8-12-6 W Ramsay (7)
2 23U0 A WINDY CITIZEN 12 (F,G,S) Mrs C Hicks 7-12-5 R Hicks (7)
3 PD14 CANDLE GLOW 12 (F,S) P Hutchinson 8-12-1 P Hutchinson (7)
4 P-4 BACK THE ROAD 11P (G,S) P Jones 8-12-0 B Haumer (7)
5 02/ BROAD STEANE 11P (F,G,S) C Henn 7-12-0 A Sansome (5)
6 D2-2 FOUR HEARTS 24P (B,BF,F) M Mullineaux 7-12-0 D Barlow (7)
7 F/0- MAC'S BOY 18P (S) J Moore 7-12-0 D Jones (7)
8 /F NOBLE ANGEL 24P P Whiston 8-12-0 A Dalton (7)
9 000- NORTHERN BLUFF 12P (F,S) H Lavis 6-12-0 J Jukes (7)
10 -22F RAGTIME BOY 5P Miss S Clarke 8-12-0 Richard White (5)
11 -236 DARA'S COURSE 19P (F) Miss P Whittle 7-11-9 G Barfoot-Saunt (7)
12 0/5 IM OK 18P (B) Miss C Richardson 8-11-9 D Sherlock (7)
13 50- LINDALIGHTER 24P Miss F Stone 6-11-9 M Jackson (7)
14 P TED'S KNIGHT 14 P Chamings 5-11-7 A Phillips (7)

7-2 Across The Card, 9-2 Candle Glow, 5-1 Northern Bluff, 11-2 Broad Steane, 7-1 A Windy Citizen, 8-1 Back The Road, 10-1 Four Hearts, 12-1 others.

### 5.00 TRENT POTTERY ONE HUNDRED YEARS MAIDEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,494: 2m) (16)

1 U RUM CUSTOMER 8 C Barwell 5-11-5 Mr J Creighton (7)
2 0 SEYMOUR'S DOUBLE 20 Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-5 S Wynne
3 4 BLUE MARLIN 19 P Webber 5-11-0 Mr P Scott (7)
4 04 CHERRY DEE 14 P Beaumont 5-11-0 B Grattan (7)
5 0 DESLA'S DEVIL 19 J Smith 4-11-0 T Eley
6 25 GANPATI 19 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 D Walsh (3)
7 00 JAYFCEE 33 M Bielby 4-11-0 K Gaule (3)
8 0 JOLLYWINDS 27 C Nash 5-11-0 C Maude
9 0 LILY POPPOP 19 R Woodhouse 5-11-0 E Leahy (5)
10 0 SO THEATRICAL 12 Mrs L Williamson 6-11-0 L O'Hara
11 0 TASHKENT 33 Miss K George 4-11-0 P McLoughlin
12 00 TROUBLE'S BREWING 323 P Webber 5-11-0 R Bellamy
13 62 TULLOW LADY 19 O Brennan 5-11-0 M Brennan
14 00 WATCH SOOTY 10 R Weaver 5-11-0 D Finnegan (7)
15 0 MINIDIA 20 A J Wilson 4-10-9 Chris Webb (5)
16 2 NIFAAF 20 K Morgan 4-10-9 R Dunwoody

5-2 Tullow Lady, 3-1 Blue Marlin, 7-2 Cherry Dee, 11-2 Ganpati, 8-1 Trouble's Brewing, 10-1 others.

## BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Dive Master
2.40 Office Hours
3.10 Labudd
3.40 Harlequin Walk
4.10 Halebid
4.40 AGWA (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 FARMOST (nap).
3.10 Bubble Wings.

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

### 2.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND FRESHFIELD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,043: 5f 213yd) (8 runners)

101 (7) BIG BEN (Mrs S Davis) R Hannon 9-0 R Hughes –
102 (6) CASTLES BURNING (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 G Duffield –
103 (2) 42 DALMENY DANCER 30 (Thurloe Thoroughbreds) B Meehan 9-0 B Doyle ●
104 (1) 35 DIVE MASTER 5 (Irish Connection) C Murray 9-0 M Tebbutt 96
105 (3) KENWOOD MELODY (K Lim) M Bell 9-0 M Fenton –
106 (4) CHAIN REACTION (Mrs G Jarvis) M Jarvis 8-9 P Bloomfield –
107 (5) 6 EMMAS BREEZE 52 (Mrs C Dennett) C Dwyer 8-9 D Harrison –
108 (8) FLY DOWN TO RIO (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 8-9 T Quinn –

BETTING: 3-1 Kenwood Melody, 7-2 Big Ben, 4-1 Dalmeny Dancer, 5-1 Chain Reaction, 6-1 Dive Master, 10-1 Emmas Breeze, 12-1 others

1995: CYRILLIC 8-9 M Wigham (6-4) P Kelleway 4 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

BIG BEN (foaled Feb 15, cost 5,600gns). Brother by Timeless Times to juvenile 6f winner Ticka Ticka Timing; dam sprint placed. CASTLES BURNING (Jan 25). Half-brother by Minshaanshu Amad to three minor winners in North America; dam unraced. DALMENY DANCER 4l 2nd of 8 to Pelham in seller auction at Bath (5f, good). DIVE MASTER 3l 3rd of 14 to Hula Prince in maiden auction at Redcar (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KENWOOD MELODY (Apr 9, 30,000gns). Half-brother by Lead On Time to multiple French winner Badd Bird; dam juvenile winner in France. CHAIN REACTION (Apr 11; 3,000gns). Third foal, by Fayruz; dam unraced half-sister to smart Irish 1m 2f performer Timarida. EMMAS BREEZE about 6l 6th of 8 to Folly Foot Fred in seller at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). FLY DOWN TO RIO (Mar 28; 17,500gns). Half-sister by Silver Kite to multiple sprint winner Soba Guest; dam sprint placed half-sister to Champion sprinter Soba.
Selection: DALMENY DANCER

### 2.40 SHOREHAM LIMITED STAKES (£2,381: 6f 209yd) (10 runners)

201 (2) 430311 APOLLO RED 19 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Moore) A Moore 7-9-10 Candy Morris 87
202 (5) 216450 MR NEVERMIND 10 (CD,F,G) (Pennine Partners) G L Moore 6-9-10 S Whitworth 94
203 (7) 361410 PERILOUS PLIGHT 10 (CD,F,G) (Sun Punters) W Muir 5-9-10 Jean-Pierre Lopez 92
204 (10) 351600 CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 21 (CD,F,G) (J Joseph) R O'Sullivan 8-9-8 S Sanders 95
205 (3) 056-015 MOROCCO 8 (D,F,S) (M Myers) M Channon 7-9-8 R Hughes 96
206 (9) 5410-20 MOVE WITH EDES 8 (D,F)(W Ede & Co) W G M Turner 4-9-6 T Sprake 95
207 (8) 080030 OFFICE HOURS 21 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-6 G Hind ●
208 (6) 002-151 FARMOST 3 (D,G,S) (W Sturt) M Prescott 3-8-13 G Duffield 94
209 (4) 440- NEED YOU BADLY 220 (A Ali) S Woods 3-8-6 W Woods 90
210 (1) 0-00 PIGEON HOLE 20 (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 3-8-6 Dane O'Neill (3) 86

BETTING: 7-2 Farmost, 4-1 Perilous Plight, 5-1 Apollo Red, Morocco, 6-1 Crystal Heights, 8-1 Mr Nevermind, 9-1 Move With Edes, 10-1 others.

1995: ALDANEH 3-8-9 J Reid (5-2) R Hannon 4 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

APOLLO RED completed double, beat Bubble Wings 1½l in 16-runner ladies handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). MR NEVERMIND about 3¾l 5th of 11 to Autumn Cover in handicap here (1m, firm) on penultimate start. PERILOUS PLIGHT beat Rocky Waters neck in 14-runner handicap over course and distance on penultimate start with CRYSTAL HEIGHTS (6lb better off) 11l 9th. MOROCCO beat Jaazim ½l in 14-runner handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MOVE WITH EDES neck 2nd of 21 to Delight Of Dawn in claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. OFFICE HOURS neck and 4l 3rd of 10 to Scharnhorst in rated stakes at Folkestone (7f, firm) on penultimate start. FARMOST beat Brighton Road 3½l in 11-runner handicap at Sandown (7f, good to soft). NEED YOU BADLY best effort, 2½l 4th of 16 to Angaar in maiden at Lingfield (5f, soft).
Selection: FARMOST (nap)

### 3.10 FLANAGAN AND ALLEN HANDICAP
(£3,143: 7f 214yd) (15 runners)

301 (15) 00-0000 NAPOLEON STAR 10 (C,F) (Napoleon Racing) M Saunders 5-10-0 R Price 92
302 (5) 350-060 PERSIAN AFFAIR 19 (C,D,BF,F,G) (J Connor) T Naughton 5-9-11 M Wigham 91
303 (10) 1-52 BUBBLE WINGS 19 (G) (F Chao) S Woods 4-9-11 V Smith 90
304 (8) 40/000-0 RUPIANA 17 (F) (Mrs M Keogh) C Murray 4-9-9 C Nutter –
305 (7) 50-0066 GENTLE IRONY 10 (D,F,G,S) (A Reid) M Ryan 4-9-9 D Biggs 92
306 (2) 660/0-40 EDGAR KIRBY 19 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-9-7 N Day 90
307 (9) 5000-00 RASMI 12 (C Hammond) P Howling 5-9-7 F Norton 90
308 (1) 000-002 ROCKY WATERS 21 (F,G) (P Chomiak) P Burgoyne 7-9-7 C Hodgson 92
309 (6) 006022 JAAZIM 14 (BF,G) (D Knight) M Madgwick 6-9-7 A Procter 95
310 (13) 06-0223 COLLEGE NIGHT 21 (BF) (Mrs C Dennett) C Dwyer 4-9-5 C Dwyer 92
311 (12) 06130-0 MISS LAUGHTER 28 (CD,F) (Miss J Wilkinson) J Hills 4-9-5 O Urbina 87
312 (11) U20202- INDIAN SERENADE 353 (D,G) (North Cockerham Racing) T Hind 5-9-3 J F Egan 89
313 (3) 000230- CURRENT LEADER 260 (P Savill) R Hannon 3-9-0 R Perham ●
314 (4) 400000 LABUDD 10 (D,G) (Isaac & Partners) R Ingram 6-9-0 N Adams 97
315 (14) 4500-00 TANDRIDGE 13J (S Curran) J Jenkins 4-8-13 Jean-Pierre Lopez –

BETTING: 11-2 Jaazim, 6-1 Bubble Wings, 7-1 Rocky Waters, 8-1 College Night, 10-1 Gentle Irony, Indian Serenade, 12-1 others.

1995: GREATEST 4-9-13 R Perham (7-2) R Akehurst 14 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

BUBBLE WINGS 1½l 2nd of 16 to Apollo Red in ladies handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm) with EDGAR KIRBY (1lb better off) 5½l 8th and PERSIAN AFFAIR (1lb better off) 2½l 12th. GENTLE IRONY about 2½l 6th of 18 to Leguard Express in handicap at Bath (1m, good) with NAPOLEON STAR 25½l 17th. EDGAR KIRBY about 1½l 4th of 16 to Rambo Waltzer in handicap at Thirsk (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. ROCKY WATERS neck 2nd of 14 to Perilous Plight in handicap here (7f, firm) with COLLEGE NIGHT 3rd and NAPOLEON STAR (5lb better off) 9½l 7th. JAAZIM ½l 2nd of 14 to Morocco in handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). INDIAN SERENADE head 2nd of 9 to Second Colours in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). CURRENT LEADER best effort, 1½l 2nd of 5 to Mountain Valley in maiden auction here (7f, firm).
Selection: INDIAN SERENADE

### 3.40 SEAFORD SELLING HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 3f 196yd) (16 runners)

401 (9) 463100 BAG OF TRICKS 8 (CD,F,G) (Eurostrait Ltd) S Dow 6-9-10 T Quinn 88
402 (7) 0504-20 GRANDES OREILLES 14 (B) (Mrs L Le Cornu) N Walker 4-9-6 J Stack (3) 87
403 (5) 260-040 THE LITTLE FERRET 12 (C,F) (K Higson) A Moore 6-9-4 R Perham 88
404 (13) 612-204 WATCH ME GO 17 (F,G) (Watch Me Go Racing) B Jones 7-8-11 M Wigham 90
405 (14) 03505-5 SINCLAIR LAD 8 (B,F,G,S) (Miss R Dobson) R Hodges 8-8-10 T Sprake 90
406 (16) 0500/0-0 TUDOR FLIGHT 27J (Bideford Tool Ltd) A Newcombe 5-8-10 D Griffiths (5) –
407 (12) 320/00/ NASEER 692 (G) (P Purdy) K Bishop 7-8-8 Darren Moffatt (3) –
408 (11) 000/5-00 WELL SUITED 24 (North Cockerham Racing) T Hind 6-8-5 S Sanders 80
409 (3) /4000/6 CHECKPOINT CHARLIE 13 (CD,F,S) J Eustace 11-8-5 D R McCabe 98
410 (8) 0/110-14 HARLEQUIN WALK 28J (B,D,G) R O'Sullivan 5-8-4 Dane O'Neill (3) ●
411 (1) 000/000- HILLSWICK 49J (M Court) J King 5-8-1 B Doyle –
412 (6) 40/5504- TOMMYKNOCKER 83J (V) (T Long) J Jenkins 4-8-1 M Henry (5) 86
413 (4) 40563-0 KENYATTA 142 (BF,G) (A Moore) A Moore 7-7-10 N Adams 90
414 (2) 360-000 COLOUR COUNSELLOR 20 R Flower 3-7-10 C Adamson (5) 95
415 (10) 0000-00 ESKIMO KISS 28 (B) (Mrs A Scott) M Fetherston-Godley 3-7-10 F Norton 76
416 (15) 000-30 DRIFTHOLME 28 (K Higson) G L Moore 3-7-10 M Baird (5) 84

Long handicap: Colour Counsellor 7-8, Eskimo Kiss 7-0, Driftholme 6-10

BETTING: 5-1 The Little Ferret, 6-1 Grandes Oreilles, Watch Me Go, 7-1 Harlequin Walk, 8-1 Sinclair Lad, 10-1 Well Suited, Kenyatta.

1995: DUGGAN 8-7-9 Amanda Sanders (33-1) P Evans 12 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

BAG OF TRICKS best recent effort beat GRANDE OREILLES (6lb worse off) 5l in claimer over course and distance (firm). THE LITTLE FERRET 13½l 4th of 13 to Roman Reel in seller here (1m 2f, firm) penultimate start. WATCH ME GO best recent effort 3½l 2nd of 13 to Total Rach in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, AW) with TUDOR FLIGHT (7lb worse off) 14½l 10th. SINCLAIR LAD 14l 5th of 19 to Glow Forum in claiming handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, soft) with BAG OF TRICKS 19l 17th. CHECKPOINT CHARLIE 14l 6th of 15 to Anchorena in claimer at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). HARLEQUIN WALK 3¾l 4th of 8 to Captain Marmalade in claimer at Lingfield (2m, AW) with WELL SUITED tailed off 7th. DRIFTHOLME 11l 3rd of 7 to Further Future in selling handicap at Lingfield (1m 4f, AW) penultimate start.
Selection: BAG OF TRICKS

### 4.10 REGENCY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,381: 7f 214yd) (9 runners)

501 (1) 03 ALLSTARS EXPRESS 31 (Allstars Club) T Naughton 9-0 D Harrison 88
502 (4) 0-304 BRIGHT ECLIPSE 14 (J Robb) J Hills 9-0 M Henry (5) 88
503 (8) D CHALLENGER 52 (Mrs E Sinclair) T Naughton 9-0 S Whitworth –
504 (9) 65- HALEBID 218 (S Woods) S Woods 9-0 W Woods 96
505 (2) HAPPY VENTURER (Irish Connection) C Murray 9-0 M Tebbutt –
506 (5) 55-0533 RED TIME 7 (P Fyfe) M Saunders 9-0 R Price ●
507 (7) 0 WITHERKAY 13 (G Sampson) R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill (3) 85
508 (6) 445534- CORNICHE QUEST 210 (M Bishop) M Channon 8-9 R Hughes 90
509 (3) 0-0 SEA IDOL 12 (C McMillan) P Cole 8-9 T Quinn –

BETTING: 7-2 Allstars Express, 4-1 Bright Eclipse, 9-2 Red Time, 5-1 Halebid, 6-1 Corniche Quest, 8-1 Sea Idol, Witherkay, 10-1 others.

1995: SHIFT AGAIN 8-9 J Reid (13-8 fav) W Jarvis 7 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

ALLSTARS EXPRESS 5½l 3rd of 10 to Perpetual Light in maiden auction at Southwell (1m, AW). BRIGHT ECLIPSE ¾l 4th of 18 to Sound Check in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). HALEBID 12l 6th of 13 to Bright Water in maiden at Yarmouth (1m, firm). RED TIME short-head and 1½l 3rd of 10 to Oriolan in claimer at Goodwood (6f, soft). WITHERKAY 15l 13th of 20 to Kettol in maiden at Newbury (1m, good to firm). CORNICHE QUEST 4½l 4th of 8 to Queens Check in rating related maiden at Musselburgh (5f, soft). SEA IDOL 7½l 7th of 16 to Zalzala in maiden at Naas (6f, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: RED TIME

### 4.40 CLAYTON HANDICAP (£3,043: 5f 213yd) (10 runners)

601 (6) 41030-0 DANCING HEART 19 (B,F,G) (Vintage Services) B Meehan 4-10-0 B Doyle 88
602 (1) 0-60010 AGWA 19 (CD,F,G) (I Baker) R O'Sullivan 7-9-13 S Sanders 92
603 (3) 0-65500 ALWAYS GRACE 24 (D,F) (Easy Going) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-1 Dane O'Neill (3) 95
604 (4) 50-05 RIFIFI 17 (Brooklight Guarding) R Ingram 3-8-12 S Whitworth 91
605 (2) 0600-03 ASTRAL INVADER 8 (D,F,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-8-12 R Price 92
606 (10) 5-01636 RANDOM 68 (D,G) (A Waddie) C James 5-8-10 J F Egan 94
607 (7) 022240 SHARP IMP 19 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 6-8-10 D Biggs 84
608 (5) 425240 DANCING JACK 20 (G) (Mrs J Stamp) J Bridger 3-8-2 Darren Moffatt (3) 96
609 (8) 064-031 NO SYMPATHY 21 (C,F) (K Higson) G L Moore 3-8-2 M Fenton ●
610 (9) 5003-01 LORINS GOLD 21 (CD,F) (Mrs M Taylor) A Turnell 6-7-10 M Henry (5) 90

Long handicap: Lorins Gold 7-9.

BETTING: 4-1 No Sympathy, 9-2 Lorins Gold, 5-1 Astral Invader, 6-1 Dancing Heart, 7-1 Dancing Jack, 8-1 Random, 10-1 others.

1995: NIGHT ASSET 6-8-9 P McCabe (7-2) J O'Donoghue 8 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

AGWA beat Baileys Sunset 2l in 10-runner claimer over course and distance (firm). RIFIFI 5½l 5th of 18 to Wildwood Flower in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm). ASTRAL INVADER 4½l 3rd of 10 to High Domain in handicap at Salisbury (5f, soft). SHARP IMP best recent effort 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Our Shadee in handicap at Lingfield (6f, AW). NO SYMPATHY beat Velvet Jones 2½l in 11-runner claimer here (7f, firm). LORINS GOLD beat Flagstaff 2l in 9-runner maiden handicap over course and distance (firm).
Selection: LORINS GOLD

## COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rnrs | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M Prescott | 13 | 50 | 26.0 | T Quinn | 44 | 216 | 20.4 |
| R Flower | 5 | 22 | 22.7 | S Sanders | 8 | 40 | 20.0 |
| M Jarvis | 5 | 27 | 18.5 | G Duffield | 17 | 93 | 18.3 |
| B Meehan | 14 | 77 | 18.2 | R Hughes | 7 | 42 | 16.7 |
| M Bell | 7 | 39 | 17.9 | D Harrison | 10 | 64 | 15.6 |
| R Hannon | 30 | 169 | 17.8 | M Wigham | 4 | 28 | 14.3 |

# Sport crying out for gentlemen, please

The big problem with British sport, as with much of modern British life according to a newly-published study, is that no matter how hard you look you cannot find a gentleman.

Pitches and pavilions used to be full of the "gentleman amateur" according to *Gentility Recalled*, a collection of essays published by the Social Affairs Unit and edited by Digby Anderson, but they have practically all vanished in our more churlish age. The authors bewail the decline in civility, restraint and order in Britain, and reckon that loutish behaviour threatens our society perhaps even more than crime.

*It is a sentiment that would find* plenty of agreement from the staff of Cathay Pacific, who had to cope with the abysmal antics of some members of the England football squad who caused trouble and damage on their flight home from Hong Kong after their bizarre pre-Euro 96 warm-up tour.

Non-hero of the hour, unsurprisingly, was Paul Gascoigne, who was reported to have been celebrating his *29th birthday, and the pathetic antics* on the jumbo jet are said to have *climaxed in the wrecking of two video* television screens. The cabin crew were apparently so alarmed that they radioed ahead to get police to meet the plane onlanding, and Cathay Pacific have put the cost of damage as high as £5,000.

Whatever the truth of the matter, you can safely bet that Gascoigne will be there in the England team at the kick-off of Euro 96. Despite his history of embarrassing *behaviour*, his bosses will probably dismiss his disgraceful antics as mere clownish high spirits; and the young supporters, who are shown no better, will eagerly ape him.

'W. G. Grace was a great shamateur'

What would those Victorian pioneers of modern sport, who so *lovingly crafted their notion of the* gentleman amateur, make of it all? They were a remarkable team who, in the course of a few years, codified, organised and in some cases more or less invented modern games and the rules that govern them. The ethos that they came up with creaked a bit even from the start, but for the best part of a century it served its purpose. Now, though, even the authors of *Gentility Recalled* are *lamenting because they think it's all* over.

The sorry truth is that right from the start the idea of the gentleman amateur was something of a fiction. It was given tremendous propaganda treatment by Victorian spin-merchants, *who wanted to provide* acceptable role models for the young middle classes who could be sent out to run the British Empire. If you look too closely at a hero like W. G. Grace you soon realise that he was the greatest "shamateur" of his age. His *expenses were huge and far exceeded* the pay of cricketing professionals, and whenever he played for Gloucester, the club provided a locum for his medical practice. In 1879, MCC opened a testimonial fund to buy him the practice in the first place. But Grace was *still vigorously portrayed* as the great amateur hero.

In *Gentility Recalled*, author Simon Green cites Peter May as the great example of the idealised gentleman amateur and cricket as the game most likely to provide a route back to a golden age of courtly sporting behaviour on and off the field. But there is a trap in all this nostalgic talk of the gentleman amateur, and it is a trap *that the Victorians fell into from* the start.

The truth is that you do not have to be an amateur to be a gentleman, and the linkage of the two concepts by the rule makers of the nineteenth century was essentially about class divisions — the middle classes did not *want their children* competing with, and being beaten by, the sons of factory workers and miners. Sections of sport became obsessed with this ethos, and increasingly it was assumed that to be a gentleman you had to be an *amateur*.

Nowhere was this ridiculous stance more in evidence than in the world of rugby, which waged a bitter hundred years war over the division between amateur and professional. A seemingly insurmountable barrier *was thrown up between the rival* league and union codes.

'Gascoigne, sadly, is no Bobby Moore'

But now that war is over. The money of television and the ever-rising demands of world-class sport *have made professionals of them all*. There were many hopeful signals to be seen as the players of Bath *and* Wigan came off after their inter-code *match at Twickenham last* weekend, arm in arm and talking of mutual *respect and friendship*.

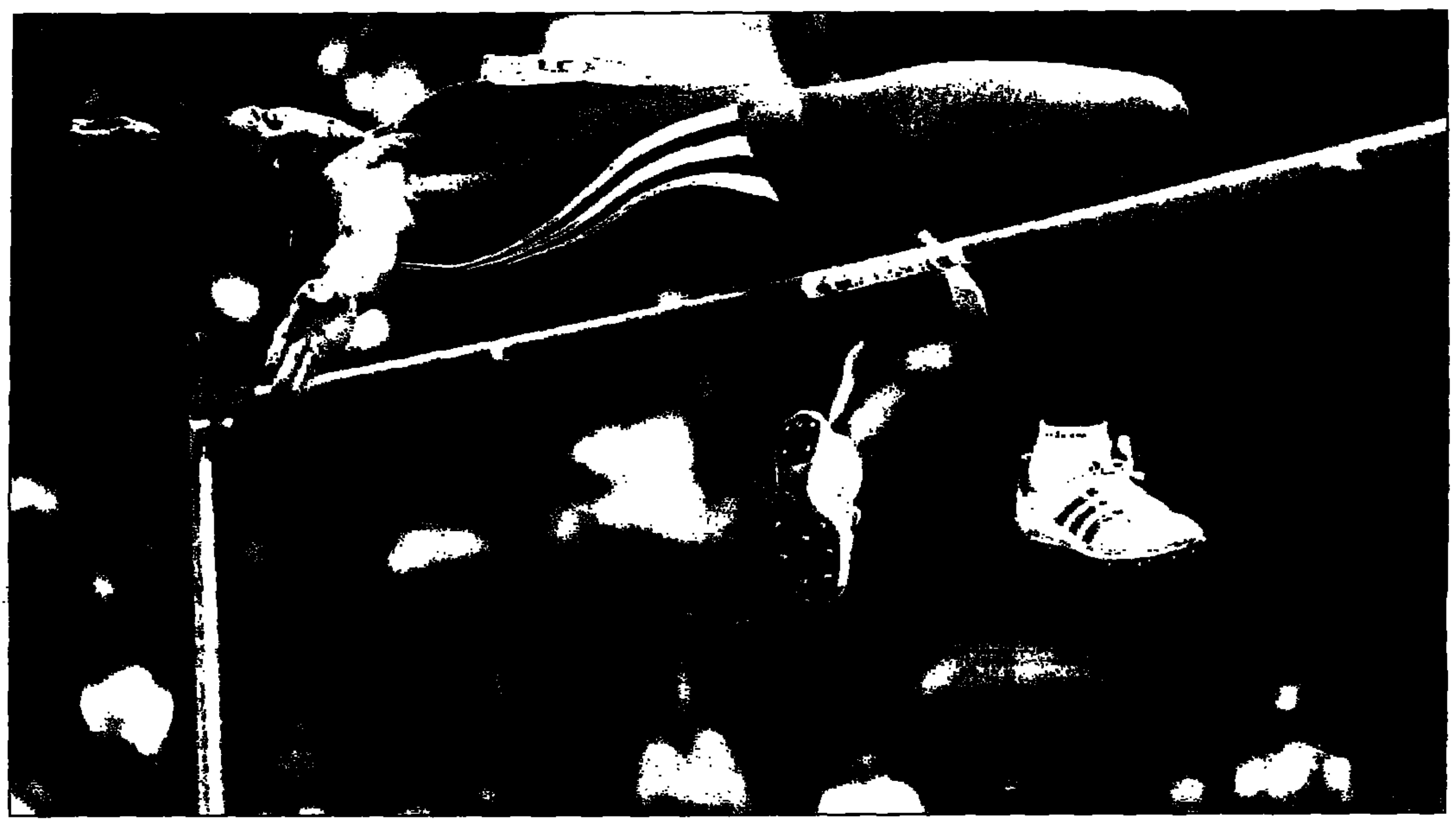
In neither side was there much evidence of what the Victorians would have defined as "amateurism" — but there were gentlemen. And the conduct of the players on the field was by any definition sportsmanlike. Here, *in both* teams, was a new *breed* — the "gentleman professional". We need lots more of them if sport is to defeat the loutish tendency. We have, of course, seen this rare animal before. The last time England hosted a significant soccer tournament was *in 1966, and the hero-captain of the* triumphant national team was Bobby Moore, a fine example of the "gentleman professional". Thirty years on Paul Gascoigne may be our most talented professional. Sadly, though, he is no Bobby Moore.

JOHN BRYANT

## Record-breaking heptathlete sets out to fill Thompson's shoes

# Lewis models herself on Britain's best

**David Powell** meets an Olympic medal contender who hopes to rekindle interest in multi-event athletics



Lewis equalled her personal best in the high jump on her way to breaking the British heptathlon record in Gotzis last weekend

Delivering each word slowly for emphasis, Denise Lewis said: "As of yet, I would not like to put myself in the same category as Daley. There is a long way to go."

A Commonwealth Games gold medal and one British record leaves Lewis several titles and world records short of Daley Thompson's achieve*ments, but he has set the* standard to which she aspires. After the finest performance by a British multi-events athlete since Thompson's day, Lewis has forced her way into the Olympic reckoning.

*"She has got to go there* [Atlanta] thinking she can get a medal," Darrell Bunn, her coach, said yesterday. Which is exactly what she is thinking.

A year ago, Lewis said that the 2000 Olympic Games would be her first as a contender. "That was then," she *said this week after breaking* Judy Simpson's ten-year-old British heptathlon record. "Sydney is still the main goal, but Atlanta is a dress rehearsal."

Lewis wants to do for the heptathlon in Britain what Thompson did for the decathlon. "Everything shut down in the multi-events when Daley retired," Lewis said. "No media interest, no money for development or coaching."

At 23, she has time enough to go with her determination *to change attitudes. When* Lewis, a calendar pin-up and former schoolgirl actress, went to Gotzis, Austria, last weekend for the heptathlon, in which she broke Simpson's mark, she had with her not only her own physiotherapist and personal trainer but a *private photographer who* spends six months a year on the fashion circuit. While Bunn extols the virtues of Lewis the athlete, Andrew Maw, the photographer, praises her performance in *front of the camera*.

"She has something unique she can give to modelling," Maw said. "She has a great physique, powerful and toned-up. *She* is at ease with her body and knows how to pose. She is totally natural."

An imminent Adidas poster campaign featuring Lewis seems well timed considering that her Gotzis performance *has made her the third favour*ite behind Ghada Shouaa, the world champion from Syria, and Jackie Joyner-Kersee, the Olympic champion and world record-holder from the United States. Lewis, with 6,645 points, added 22 points to Simpson's record. She defeated, among others, Sabine Braun, the European champion, exceeding her own best marks in four events and *equalling her personal high* jump record of 1.84 metres.

The improvements came in the 100 metres hurdles (13.18sec), the shot (14.36 metres), the 200 metres (24.06sec) and the 800 metres (2min *16.84sec). She long jumped* 6.60 metres and threw the javelin 47.86 metres.

Bunn believes there is scope for improvement in Atlanta in her javelin, *shot, high jump,* long jump and 800 metres. Her previous best shot was 13.58 metres. "We have placed a lot of emphasis on developing *Denise's strength and she has* improved no end in the weights room," Bunn said. "There is still a lot more to come in the shot."

When Lewis won the Commonwealth title in 1994, it was a javelin throw of 53.68 metres that set up her victory, but, in Gotzis, she was six metres shorter. "I know she can throw 55 metres, so that is another 130 points," Bunn said.

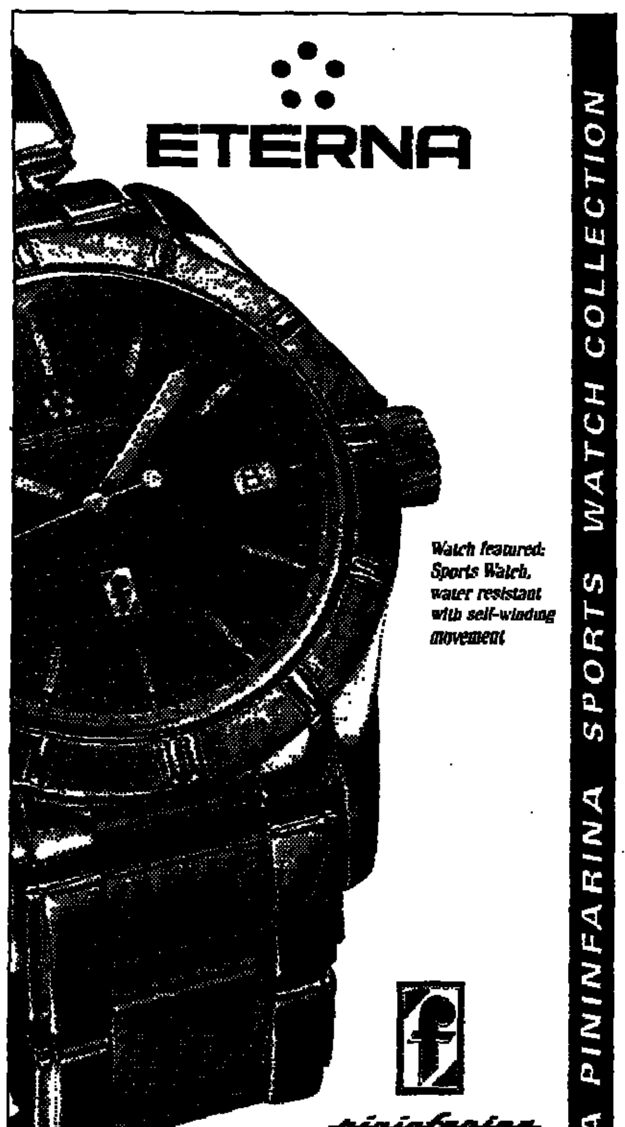
*In the long jump* in Gotzis, Lewis was competing in rain and into a headwind yet was only seven centimetres short of her best of 6.67 metres. "I am convinced *she would have* jumped 6.80 if conditions had been right," *Bunn* added.

She has another chance this weekend, having been selected for Great Britain to fill the long jump spot in the European Cup in Madrid. Bunn is expecting Lewis's high jump to *improve after giving it special* attention. "It is the highest-scoring event, so we have worked hard on it," Bunn said. And she ran a controlled 800 metres *in Gotzis, knowing* 2min 18sec would bring her the British record, so her coach is sure she can go quicker than that.

It would be a mistake to add up Lewis's potential best *marks and come up with a* figure close to 7,000 points because there is much scope for error. As Bunn said: "You only have to *hit* a hurdle in the first event and it is all over." A *poor high jump in* the world championships last year meant Lewis finished seventh instead of fourth.

Lewis has never known her father and was brought up in Wolverhampton by her moth*er, Joan, who became* pregnant at 17, earning what she could as a typist. "It was very hard for her, not much support, and I think that is where I get my drive, my determination, my confidence from." *Lewis said.* "Having *no father* did not bother me."

She is sponsored by seven Birmingham businessmen — one per event, £1,000 each — *and Gotzis gave them an* instant return on their one-year investment. Atlanta may pay a second dividend. "She is an enormously competitive animal," Bunn said. A model, make that supermodel, of *British determination*.



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**AD CAPTANDUM**

**(c) *Ad captandum (vulgus)* (calculated) *to take the fancy of (the crowd)*. Latin *ad* for + *captandum* neuter of the gerundive of *captāre* to entice, allure. Dickens, *Pickwick Papers*, 1837: "Such an ad captandum argument as the offer of half a guinea."**

**AD CRUMENAM**

**(a) *Argumentum ad crumenam* (purse) is an argument touching the listener's pocket. On of the many arguments that Marc Antony used in *"Friends, Romans, Countrymen, Lend me your ears."* The arguments of most parties in elections are *ad captandum, crumenam, hominem, baculinum* (a cane, ie force), *ignorantiam* and *populum*. That is why most elected representatives disgrace the human race.**

**DECATISE**

**(c) To subject (cloth) to the action of steam in order to give it a *permanent lustre or finish. From the French décatir to sponge* or steam cloth. "Fabrics of good quality should be decatised before dyeing."**

**GODET**

**(c) A triangular piece of stuff inserted in a dress, glove etc. Also attributively as in *godet pleat* and *godet skirt*. "Some of the smartest models have a full centre-piece instead of side godets."**

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# Stalwarts left out for home internationals

By David Rhys Jones

IN AN attempt to regain the *News of the World* Trophy from Wales, England have *made several changes in their* side for the home international bowls series in Belfast from July 1 to 5, discarding two stalwarts in Tommy Armstrong and Wynne Richards.

Armstrong, from Lancashire, 58, made *his* first England appearance in 1972. *Although he has been the* oldest man in the team since David Bryant retired in 1991, it is still a surprise to see him replaced as Tony Allcock's No 3 by Ted Hanger, who is recalled after missing the past three series through ill health.

Richards has not missed a series since making his debut in 1982. His dismissal makes *room for John Leeman, from* Durham, who will win his first cap as Andy Thomson's third man.

It has been an exciting 12 months for Leeman, who won the national outdoor singles championship at Worthing last August, made his international debut indoors in March *and then swept to the English* indoor triples title at Melton *Mowbray in April*.

Gordon Charlton, another newcomer, and Mel Biggs, another recall, have been chosen to bolster David Ward's ailing rink. Ward survived a strong challenge from Stuart *Airey in the trial on Sunday*.

TEAMS: England: Seniors: Rink one: A Wills (Gloucs), S Airey (Cumbria), E Hanger (Bucks), A Allcock (Gloucs). Rink two: J Ottaway (Norfolk), R Cutts (Suffolk), G Harrington (Oxon), J Bell (Cumbria). Rink three: I Carruthers (Cumbria), D Holt (Lancs), S Tuohy (Surrey), D Cutler (Devon) Rink four: R Newman (Berks), M *Selder (Kent), G Burgess (Worcs), G Smith* (Kent) Rink five: B Morley (Notts), C Palmer (Durham), J Leeman (Durham), A Thomson (Kent) Rink six: J Rednall (Suffolk), *M* Biggs (Wilts), G Charlton (Kent), D Ward (Norfolk) Reserves: P Butcher (Kent), R Moses (Sussex) Under-25s: Rink one: R Sampson (Cumbria), S Reading (Essex), P Barlow (Cumbria), D Auckland (Lincs) Rink two: N McKee (Northants), *P Wilkinson (Derbyshire), M* Read (Cornwall), I Bond (Devon). Rink three: M Bourdon (Beds), P Gandey (Sussex), O Ovett (Sussex), N Brignall (Yorks). Rink four: A Blake (Essex), N Corbyn (Northants), A Hollis (Leics), K Cousins (Wilts) Rink five: M Short (Dorset), I Mayne (Lancs), N Karge (Cumbria), I Jenkins (Middlesex). Rink six: G Allen (Oxon), S Skelton (Lincs), W Cheeseman (Kent), N Jones (Hants). Reserves: P Birmingham (Somerset), N Brett (Hunts)

RADIO CHOICE

# A cut above the rest

**The Rug Rethinkers.** *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

The short-back-and-sides plays no part in the activities of Stephen's, a top-drawer hairdressing salon in the heart of Mayfair, where barbers are stylists. Yet only one of those interviewed by *Jeremy Front* speaks wistfully of the days when, even more grandly, they called themselves *capillary abridgers and tonsorial* artists. At Stephen's, patrons' secrets are as inviolable as the confessional's, but the staff enjoy telling tales about earlier jobs. There was the South African Ambassador who, discussing the *Sharpeville massacre during* a hair-cut, declared that they "should have shot more of the bastards!". And there's an anecdote about Churchill's unabashed exposure of his private parts after taking a bath in the Roosevelt White House.

**A Game of Three Halves.** *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

I warn you: the unremitting madness of John Fletcher's and Stan Hey's comedy may prove too much for you, but its inventiveness will fill you with wonder. I will not even try to separate out all the components, *but here is a random* selection: a football star compromisingly attached to a Great Dane; his club chairman; a Malaysian tycoon; an MP; a Russian mafioso; a satellite TV whizz-woman — all itching to make a killing out of the *football club*. And, up to her tough neck in every one of the machinations, is the scandal-*sheet reporter* (Helen Baxendale), "a killer with a Black and Decker drill where her Biro should be".

**Peter Davalle**

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley **9.00** Soundbite **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess

## RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Anne Robinson **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** David Allan **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gospel Train **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

## RADIO 5 LIVE

**5.00am** Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl **6.55, 7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine incl **10.35** Euronews **11.30** Health News **12.00** Midday with Mair Incl Moneycheck with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** David Gower's Cricket Weekly. David Gower and his guests round up the week's events **9.05** SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd **9.35** American Graffiti, with Jonathan Freedland **10.05** News Talk, with Paul Reynolds **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call **2.05** Up All Night

## TALK RADIO

**6.30am** Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

## WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News in German **9.15** Composer **9.45** Health Matters **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** World News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Assignment **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** World News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Assignment **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** World News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Going South **12.30** Blues World **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Thirty-Minute Drama **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

## CLASSIC FM

**4.00am** Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Travel Guide. Uganda **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

## VIRGIN RADIO

**6.00am** Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Robin Banks

## RADIO 3

**6.00am On Air.** Includes Haydn (Piano Sonata in D H XVI 24); Jongen (Symphonie concertante); Bach (Concerto in A for oboe d'amore, BWV 1055); Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor); Sullivan (The Lost Chord); Hindemith (Cello Concerto)

**9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini.** Holst (Ballet: The Golden Goose); Vivaldi (Laudate pueri dominum in A, RV602); Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 4, for left-hand)

**10.00 Musical Encounters.** Falla (Pedrelliana, Homenajes); Trad, arr Britten (Ca' the yowes); Ibert ( Cinq pièces en trio); Sarasate (Zigeunerweisen); Telemann (Overture Suite in A minor) **11.00** Trad, arr Britten (The Sally Gardens); Maurice Webster *(Four Pieces for* violins) **11.18** *Artist of the Week*: Gustav Leonhardt, harpsichord. Bach, transcr Leonhardt (Keyboard Suite in D minor, after Violin Sonata in G minor, BWV 1001) **11.32** Rachmaninov (Four Songs); Rimsky-Korsakov (Piano Concerto)

**12.00 Composer of the Week: Richard Rodney Bennett.** Come buy, come buy; Reflections on a Theme of William Walton; Andante in memory of Harold Arlen; Five Sonnets after Louise Labe; Rosemary's Waltz

**1.00pm Opera Matinée: Ottone in Villa.** The first British performance of Vivaldi's opera recorded at the Royal College of Music in London. With Sally Bruce-Payne, mezzo, Margaret Kelly-Cook, soprano, Helen Parker, soprano, Nicki Kennedy, soprano, and Mark Wilde, tenor. La Serenissima is directed by Adrian Chandler and Giulia Nuti

**4.15 Kun Woo Paik,** piano. Debussy (Children's Corner); Hindemith (Suite: 1922) *(r)*

**5.00 The Music Machine,** with Sue Nelson

**5.15 In Tune.** Bath Festival. Live from Bath city centre. Includes Chilcot (Suite No 1 in G minor); Moeran, arr Britten (The shooting of his dear); Moeran (Sinfonietta)

**7.30 London Mozart Players,** under Matthias Bamert. With Emma Johnson, clarinet. Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622); Strauss (Romanze); Takemitsu (Requiem for strings); Haydn (Symphony No 44 in E minor, Trauer)

**9.20 Manners** (4/5)

**9.25 Alkan.** Hamish Milne, piano. Alkan (Symphony for solo piano, 12 Studies, Op 39) *(r)*

**10.00 Music Restored,** with Chris de Souza. Featuring pieces *by François Couperin and* Marin Marais (3/4)

**10.45 Night Waves,** with Humphrey Carpenter

**11.30 Composer of the Week: Respighi** *(r)*

**12.30am Jazz Notes,** with Ian Carr

**1.00 Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Mahler (Des Knaben Wunderhorn); Janacek (Sinfonietta) **2.00** Choral music by Lewkovitch, Schütz and Josquin **3.20** Chamber music **5.00** Sequence

## RADIO 4

**5.55am** Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today ***6.25*** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day ***8.40*** *Sailing Alone* around the World (4/5) **8.58** Weather

**9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts.** *John Waite and his team of* investigators follow up listeners' complaints *(r)*

**9.30 *On the Ropes.*** John Humphrys talks to Sir Edward du Cann

**10.00 News; *The Rug Rethinkers*** (FM only). See Choice *(r)*

**10.00 Daily Service** (LW only)

***10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)***

**10.30 From Our Own Correspondent**

***12.00* News; *You* and Yours with** Chris Choi

**12.25pm Inspiration.** Quiz chaired by Chris Stuart. With Professor Lewis Wolpert, Kate Bellingham and Graeme Garden **12.55** Weather

**1.00 The World at One,** with Nick Clarke

**1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping

**2.00 News; The Beautiful Game: A Game of Three Halves.** See Choice

**3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift** with Daire Brehan

**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Paul Allen sees *Jean Boht* and Diana Quick in *Kindertransport*

**4.45 *Short Story: McIver in* Bombay** by Tracey Lloyd. Read by Lyndam Gregory

***5.00 PM 5.50*** *Shipping* ***5.55*** Weather

**6.00 Six O'Clock News**

**6.30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue** by Bill Dare. Starring Robert Duncan and Julia Hills as the sofa-bound daytime duo (6/6)

**7.00 News *7.05* The Archers**

**7.20 Hitting the Jackpot.** The first of three programmes to be broadcast over the next year in which Allan Beswick follows the fortunes of National Lottery winners

**8.00 The 1996 Analysis Lecture.** In the first of a new series, *Paul Kennedy, author of The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers, discusses* globalisation's threat to the nation state

**8.45 From Their Own *Correspondent*.** The second of six programmes in which writers and journalists around the world send letters home offering their personal perspectives on contemporary life in Britain

**9.00 Does He Take Sugar?** The programme for people with a disability. Presented by Frederick Dove

**9.30 Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather

**10.00 The World Tonight** with Robin Lustig

**10.45 Book at Bedtime: Bookshop** by Penelope *Fitzgerald*. Read by Maggie Steed (4/10)

**11.00 Julia Enfield investigates the Net and the Canal** by Nick Fisher. With Imelda Staunton and Geoffrey Whitehead (3/4)

**1.30 Ad Lib.** Robert Robinson meets five golf caddies (r)

**12.00 News** incl **12.27am** Weather

**12.30 The Late Book: Return to Return** by Barry Hannah *(4/4)* **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

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# Killingly funny, if that's your sort of thing

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Ian Pattison, *creator of Rab C Nesbitt* and guardian of Glaswegian gallows humour, got *his due-paying out of the way* right at the beginning of **Bad Boys** (BBCl) last night. We began with two thickly-accented thugs discussing Quentin Tarantino as they took their revolvers out of a car boot.

Please, I thought, not another play on the Big Mac scene from *Pulp Fiction* — everybody's done that. And now Pattison has done it too. In France, they don't call a Big Mac *le Big Mac*, explained the thug who had been on a special pilgrimage to Dieppe to find out, they call it *un Big Mac*: "You wouldn't go in to Jimmy's fish emporium and ask for *the* fish supper, would you. Not unless you were *un* numptie." Hmm, as Big Mac variations go, not bad.

The tribute to the American film director, however, was about more than hamburgers. It is Tarantino who has posited that extreme violence can be funny and it is on that arguable premise that *Bad Boys* stands. To make the debt doubly clear, Pattison endowed gangland boss Malky Mulherron (Alex Norton) with the sort of haircut that would give even John Travolta nightmares.

The problem is that only some people find *Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction* funny. Others find Tarantino's comic celebration of murder and mutilation perfectly ghastly and I am sure that some of them will object to *Bad Boys* for similar reasons. Torture, hammer fights, compulsory *amputations*: certainly not standard comic fare.

But the worst the series is guilty of is bad, no appalling, timing. Surely, it is too early for anybody — and particularly the BBC — to find the sound of *suburban* Scottish streets echoing to the sound of gunfire funny. How vociferous is any minority which objects to lines such as "mindless violence, it's brilliant, it gives you back your self-respect", we will discover in due course. But I suspect that by the time the fuss blows over, it will be too late. *Bad Boys* will be a great popular success.

It may trample through the *taboos*, but Pattison's *script is* beautifully crafted, delivered with considerable style by a well-chosen cast, and *is very funny. And by the* simple device of placing Glasgow gangland under threat from villainous *Londoners*, Pattison has ensured that *Bad Boys* should have a wider appeal than the *linguistically challenging Rab C Nesbitt*. Most of us should understand at least half the lines.

Should a defence be needed, the BBC will also be able to *point out that the violence is* implicit and very stylised. In an episode that included a shoot-out and calling the Nitshills gang out of retirement for an old-fashioned street fight ("mayhem's different *now, it's all high-tech*") nobody was killed and scarcely a drop of blood was shed. It is clearly make-believe *and we are supposed to be* grown-ups . . . The fact remains, however, that even for black *comedy, timing is everything.*

More taboos tumbled last night in the unlikely venue of Drapers' Hall in the City of London. Magnus Magnusson said the word "bleep". "Oooh," we all went, making a mental note to make **Mastermind** (BBCl) an essential part of every Wednesday night. At least that is what the *Mastermind* producer would have liked us to have thought.

*Instead, I sat there thinking that* "The Sex Pistols and Punk Rock" hardly counted as a specialist *subject, especially if you* were young enough/old enough to have lived through it. But, helped by one *point from Magnusson's stumble-*free question "which band member reportedly conceived the title *Never Mind the Bleep?*", Alan Whitaker "an unemployed, er, chap from Penzance" stormed to *victory. Shame; I was rooting for* the Gambian-born advice worker who announced his specialist subject as "*the life and philosophy of* the old master himself, Karl Marx" — author, of course, of *Never Mind the Kapital.*

The educational process continued on BBC2 in **Secrets of Lost Empires**, where we were taught two important lessons. The first was how prehistoric man (and I dare say prehistoric woman too) might have built Stonehenge. The second was why they should never have invited an American stonemason along to watch.

Now, it is true that some of the methods being tried by Mark Whitby, a British *engineer, were perhaps* a little elaborate for our stone-tooled forebears. But that still did not excuse Roger Hopkins's behaviour: "Remind me to get you the Boy Scout *manual*," he sneered, as two huge *wooden levers struggled to control* a 40-tonne, not-quite-standing stone. Whitby tried again. "I hope *you've built a decent A-frame this* time," said Hopkins, digging himself in deeper than the heelstone.

Whitby persevered and, no doubt encouraged by *the thought* of the first human sacrifice under a trilothon (two standing stones plus a lintel) for 3,000 years, *triumphed*. Next week, we tell them how to do Mount Rushmore.

Not everything that comes out of America is bad, of course, and one of the best in recent months has been the second series of **ER** (Channel 4). Last night, it came to an end — which at least means that some of us will be able to go out on Wednesday night again.

Carter finally became a doctor, Weaver became something called an attending and Ross and Greene signalled they would be back for the sadly far-off series three with lots of buddy stuff. But, in the finest tradition, uncertainty — HIV, professional discontent, mental disintegration — hung over just about everybody else. American stonemasons I can live without, but American drama of this quality — never.

## BBC1

**6.00am Business Breakfast** (56092)

**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (87363)

**9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (7053092) **9.20 Can't Cook Won't Cook** (r) (s) (7064108)

**9.50 FILM: Away All Boats** (1956). Jeff Chandler, George Nader and Julie Adams in a Second World War drama. Directed by Joseph Pevney. Includes **11.00** News and weather (93405978)

**12.00 News** (Ceefax); and weather (1383566)

**12.05pm Call My Bluff.** With Bob Holness, Sandi Toksvig and *Times* columnist Alan Coren (s) (5525498) **12.35 Going for Gold** (s) (4015818)

**1.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (80450) **1.30 Regional News** (62295092) **1.40 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (69723905) **2.00 The Flying Doctors** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (74059)

**3.30 Playdays** (r) (s) (2042837) **3.50 Greedysaurus and the Gang** (r) (6464653) **3.55 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2054672) **4.15 The Wizard of Oz** (Ceefax) (s) (5396189) **4.35 Mud** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2331382) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7790214) **5.10 The Ant and Dec Show** *(Ceefax) (s) (6632721)*

**5.35 Neighbours** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (627818)

**6.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (289)

**6.30 Regional News Magazines** (951)

**7.00 Top of the Pops** (Ceefax) (s) (4769)

**7.30 EastEnders.** Grant pays Ruth a visit (Ceefax) (s) (295)

**8.00** NEW **Animal Hospital: On the Hoof.** Rolf Harris swaps domestic pets for the more exotic wildlife of Whipsnade Wild Animal Park in Bedfordshire (Ceefax) (2419)

**8.30 Airport.** (5/6) Documentary series behind the scenes at Heathrow, the world's busiest international airport (Ceefax) *(2924)*

**9.00 News** (Ceefax); regional news and weather (5504)

**9.30 Absolutely Fabulous.** Award-winning comedy with Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley (r) (Ceefax) (s) (95295)

**10.00 Making Babies.** Anna arrives at the hospital for the scan. Will her second attempt at IVF be successful? Tania begins to bleed again and is rushed into hospital. Rebecca arrives at the clinic after an all-clear from her cancer scan and an unexpected honour is conferred on *Professor Robert Winston. Last in* series (Ceefax) (s) (110491) **N.I.: 10.00** Sportlight **10.30** Making Babies **11.30** Question Time **12.25** FILM: Play It Again Sam **1.45** Weather

**10.50 Question Time.** On the panel are the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, William Waldegrave and Labour's legal affairs spokesman, Paul Boateng (Ceefax) (2533127) **WALES: 10.50** The Slate **11.30** Question Time **12.35** FILM: Play It Again Sam **1.55** News and weather

**11.55 FILM: Play It Again, Sam** (1972) Comedy starring Woody Allen and Diane Keaton. An insecure film critic calls on the spirit of Humphrey Bogart for advice on *how to treat women.* Directed by Herbert Ross (Ceefax) (415030)

**1.15am Weather** (9865144)

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## BBC2

**6.00am** Open University: Stressed Materials (7655856) **6.25** *Relational Concepts* (7634363) **6.50** Free Body Diagrams (5667856)

**7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (4055924)

**7.30 Brum** (9214160) **7.40 Blinky Bill** (4299905) **8.05 Smurfs' Adventures** (7705301) **8.30 Blue Peter** (74214) **9.00 Mighty Max** (4968837) **9.20 Activ-8** (7071498) **9.45 SuperTed** (3067295) **9.55 Spot** (2611382) **10.00 Playdays** (2638059) **10.25 Star Trek** (6241108) **10.50 The Tick** (1998160) **11.10 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)** (4535653) **12.00 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century** (78030)

**12.30pm Working Lunch** (16671)

**1.00 Brum** (r) (s) (40923127)

**1.10 The Season: Henley Week** (r) (31799127)

**1.40 All Washed Out.** Why the Yorkshire Dales flooded in 1995 (r) (39064740)

**2.10 The Andrew Neil Show** (s) (7567276)

**3.00 News & Weather** (7310092)

**3.05 The Natural World.** North York Moors National Park (9992301)

**3.55 News** *(Ceefax)* and weather (6461566) **4.00 Today's the Day** (s) (924) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (108) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (4960059) **5.40 The Sky at Night** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (172943)

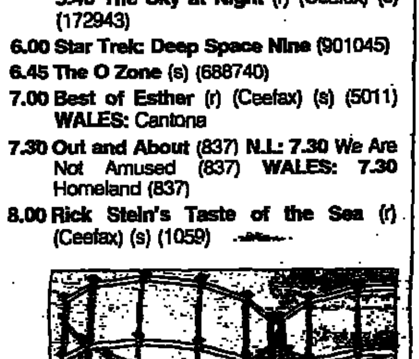
**6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** (901045)

**6.45 The O Zone** (s) (688740)

**7.00 Best of Esther** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5011) **WALES:** Cantona

**7.30 Out and About** (837) **N.I.: 7.30** We Are Not Amused (837) **WALES: 7.30** Homeland (837)

**8.00 Rick Stein's Taste of the Sea** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1059)



Kirsty Wark and gasholders (8.30pm)

**8.30 One Foot in the Past.** New series of the heritage programme (7586)

**9.00 The Travel Show.** Arthur Smith visits Wensleydale; Simon Calder reports from northern Cyprus; and Sophie Campbell is in Copenhagen (s) (8566)

*9.30* ***The Poisoned Chalice:*** **Nemesis** Concluding the series about Britain's relationship with continental Europe in this century (Ceefax) (144295)

**10.20 Close Up.** Actor Brian Cox chooses a favourite scene *Three Colours: Blue* (r) (s) (370905)

**10.30 Newsnight.** With Kirsty Wark (791547)

**11.15** NEW **Gaytime TV.** Entertainment show by and for lesbians and gays *(Ceefax) (s) (309740)*

**12.00 Picture This: Postcards to My Brother.** With Terry Major-Ball (r) (Ceefax) (s) (69431)

**12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone**(37832)

## CHOICE

### One Foot in the Past
*BBC2, 8.30pm*

The Channel Tunnel rail link is threatening the Victorian gasometers which dominate the skyline outside King's Cross station. But *One Foot in the Past* is back to mount a rescue campaign. Even the locals sing the aesthetic praises of structures usually regarded as a redundant eyesore, while conservationists are positively lyrical about them. After this you wonder whether the builders of the rail link will dare to go ahead. Also on the unfailingly enjoyable heritage programme, Jack Charlton takes us to one of many castles in his native Northumberland and stirs memories of his mother, who died recently. Finally there is an item on how members of the Royal Family have tried to *ensure privacy in their bedchambers*, a problem which existed centuries before the arrival of tabloid newspapers.

### SAS: The Soldiers' Story
*ITV, 9.00pm*

The storming of the Iranian Embassy in London in 1980 provided television with some of its most gripping live coverage. But the freeing of the hostages held by Iraqi terrorists had to be observed from outside. We heard the gunfire and saw the smoke but only later was the outcome of the SAS mission confirmed. Now, to launch a series about the SAS, we get the inside story in a mixture of news footage and reconstruction, vividly assembled by the director Andrew Piddington. Some of the original participants take part. Preserving the mystique of a semi-secret service, the identities are concealed but the testimonies are revealing. "It was the law of the jungle — kill or be killed" says one black-hooded figure, and admiration for the efficiency of the operation may be tempered by the gung-ho relish with which it was conducted.

### Witness: When Women Kill
*Channel 4, 9.00pm*

A documentary from Canada features three women who killed their violent husbands. Their testimonies, delivered straight to camera with no mediating commentary, are *as grimly matter-of-fact as they are shocking.* They tell of final, usually spur-of-the-moment, retaliation after enduring years of beating and abuse. The film raises wider questions about the shortcomings of the legal system in dealing with such cases, in particular the failure to tackle the male violence which lies at their root. Montages of newspapers cuttings and clips from television news reports underline the extent *of the problem, even in supposedly contented* Canada. Insights into why men are violent towards women are given by members of a batterers' therapy group in Ontario.

### The Poisoned Chalice: Nemesis
*BBC2, 9.30pm*

The final instalment of a pulsating series charts Britain's testy relationship with the European Community and has seen last-minute script changes to include John Major's "beef offensive" and the Government policy of non-cooperation. Setting the tone is footage of an extraordinary press conference in the 1980s at which Mrs Thatcher humiliated the EU President, Jacques Delors. Her aggressive style horrified even members of her own Cabinet, as Lords Howe and Lawson and Douglas Hurd testify. Chancellor Kohl once *tried to woo Mrs Thatcher with a cosy lunch* at his favourite restaurant. But the main dish, a *stuffed pig's stomach, proved no more* palatable to her than the social chapter. Europe helped to topple Mrs Thatcher and has plagued her successor.

Peter Waymark

## HTV

**6.00am GMTV** (9717158) **9.25 Supermarket Sweep** *(r) (Teletext) (s) (7058547)*

**9.55 Regional News** (Teletext) (2615108)

**10.00 The Time . . . the Place** (s) (6950585)

***10.35 This Morning*** *(50382479)*

**12.20pm Regional News** (Teletext) (1372450)

**12.30 News** and weather (Teletext) (4034943)

**12.55 Shortland Street** (s) (4019634) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (1335585) **2.00 Home and Away** *(Teletext) (s) (19293011)*

**2.25 FILM: Too Good to Be True** (1989) Conclusion of yesterday's film about *jealousy which ends in murder.* Directed by Christain I. Nyby II (7573837)

**3.20 News** (Teletext) (7327382)

**3.25 Regional News** *(Teletext)* (7326653)

**3.30 The Riddlers** (r) (5986063) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (1764634) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (s) (6459721) **3.55 Rupert** (r) (2030092) **4.20 Samson Superslug** (Teletext) (s) (5395450) **4.45 Crazy Cottage** (Teletext) (s) (2322634)

**5.10 A Country Practice** (9292295)

**5.40 News** and weather (Teletext) (176769)

**6.00 Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (s) (616363)

**6.25 HTV News** (Teletext) (874276)

**7.00 Emmerdale** (Teletext) (9837)

**7.30 3-D.** Julia Somerville looks at how the shape of models has changed in the last few years. Where, once a female had to be incredibly thin, now the curvaceous look is more popular, while for men the traditionally attractive model is losing out to the male waif (s) (363)

**8.00 The Bill.** Datta and Garfield investigate a case of suspected drug dealing (r) (Teletext) (8585)

**8.30 Police, Camera, Action!** Alastair Stewart presents footage of motorists taking life-threatening risks (r) (Teletext) (s) (7092)

*The elite Special Air Service (9.00pm)*

**9.00 S.A.S. — the Soldiers' Story.** *Documentary series* (Teletext) (s) (3363)

**10.00 News** and weather (Teletext) (73585)

***10.30 Regional News*** *(Teletext) (909189)*

**10.40 On the Line.** Live discussion on one of the week's big stories (739856)

**11.10** ***FILM:*** **Curiosity Kills** *(1990)* starring Rae Dawn Chong, Courteney Cox and C.Thomas Howell. A struggling artist unravels a murder when his neighbour supposedly commits suicide. Directed by Colin Bucksey (363176)

**12.40 Carnal Knowledge** (9135967) **1.40 Not Fade Away** (1525783) **2.40 Shift** (1611290) **3.35 Late & Loud** (r) (s) (1509219) **4.30 The Time . . . the Place** *(r) (s) (94702)* ***5.00 Garden Calendar*** (46677)

**5.30 Morning News** (64986)

## HTV WALES

**As HTV WEST except:**

***6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight*** *(874276)*

**7.30-8.00 Urdd 96.** Eifon Jones reports from the Urdd National Eisteddfod (363)

***10.40 Welsh & Wealthy*** *(739856)*

**11.10 Hunter** (519030)

**12.10am 3-D** (4285238)

## WESTCOUNTRY

**As HTV West except:**

**12.55 Emmerdale** (4019634)

**1.25-1.55 Cross Wits** (31782837)

***1.55 Home and Away*** *(39057450)*

**2.25 Entertainment Today** (19203498)

**2.55-3.20 A Country Practice** (6060382)

**5.10-5.40 Home and Away** (9292295)

**6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live** (85818)

**10.30 Westcountry News** (923769)

**10.45 Top Guns** (853160)

**11.15 Millionaires** (883301)

***11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H*** *(564978)*

## CENTRAL

**As HTV West except:**

**12.55 Home and Away** (4019634)

**1.25 Cross Wits** (31782837)

**1.55 A Country Practice** (69737108)

**2.20 Entertainment Today** (19204127)

***2.50-3.20 High Road*** *(2828127)*

**5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (9292295)

**6.25 Central News and Weather** (624382)

**6.55-7.00 Life Line** (494498)

**10.40 London Bridge** (739856)

**11.10 Revelations** (359160)

**11.40 Bodies of Evidence** (767740)

**3.35am Customs Classified** (3281783)

***4.20 Jobfinder*** *(6204685)*

**5.20 Asian Eye** (3526696)

## MERIDIAN

**As HTV West except:**

***12.55pm Emmerdale*** (4019634)

**1.25 Home and Away** (31782637)

**1.55 Shortland Street** (69737108)

**2.20 Entertainment Today** (19204127)

**2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs** (2828127)

**5.10 Home and Away** (9292295)

**5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — Crimestoppers** (351924)

**6.00 Meridian Tonight** (127)

**6.30-7.00 Grass Roots** (479)

**10.40 Film: Blue Thunder** (88234419)

***12.40am Phoenix*** *(9135967)*

**5.00 Freescreen** (46677)

## S4C

**Starts: 6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex** (5671059) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (25841) ***9.00 Am Naw or Urdd*** *(7079030)* ***9.25 The Pink Panther Show*** (7065837) **9.50 California Dreams** (6695127) **10.20 Gamesmaster** (6237905) **10.45 Mork and Mindy** (792450) **11.15 Dog City** (3200653) **11.35 Wildside** (4624301) **12.05pm The Adventures of Tintin** (7574363) **12.30 Hullabaloo** (16699) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** *(73160)* ***1.30 Bush Tucker Man*** (90740) **2.00 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Bro** (454566) **4.30 Fair Game** (276) **5.00 5 Pump Uned 5 or Urdd** (2653) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (856) **6.00 Newyddion** (680455) **6.15 Heno** (516740) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (927301) **7.25 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Bro** (3134943) **8.30 Newyddion** *(5634)* ***9.00 Pris Y Farchnad*** (1905) **10.00 Film: The Commitments** (71555173) **12.10am Dispatches** (9806580)

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**6.35am The Adventures of T-Rex** (r) (5671059)

**7.00 The Big Breakfast** (25841)

**9.00 Saved by the Bell: The College Years** (r) (Teletext) (7079030) **9.25 The Pink Panther Show** (r) (s) (7065837) **9.50 California Dreams** (r) (6695127) **10.20 Gamesmaster** (r) (s) (6237905) **10.45 Mork and Mindy** *(r) (792450)* ***11.15 Dog City*** (r) (s) (3200653) **11.35 Wildside** (r) (s) (4624301) **12.05pm The Adventures of Tintin** (r) (7574363) **12.30 Sesame Street** (r) (99214) **1.30 Hullabaloo** followed by **Alfie Atkins** (90740) **2.00 The Linesman** (15159160)

**2.15 Australia Wild** (Teletext) (19281276)

**2.40 FILM: Another Dawn** (1937, b/w). A romantic adventure starring Errol Flynn and Kay Francis. Directed by William Dieterle. (Teletext) (2742653)

**4.00 The Lost Waterway** (r) (Teletext) (932) ***4.30 Fifteen to One*** *(Teletext) (s) (276)* **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (1381856)

**5.45 Terrytoons.** Followed by **Murun Buchstansangur** *(440856)*

**6.00 NBA 24/7.** James Belushi talks about his favourite team — the Chicago Bulls (769)

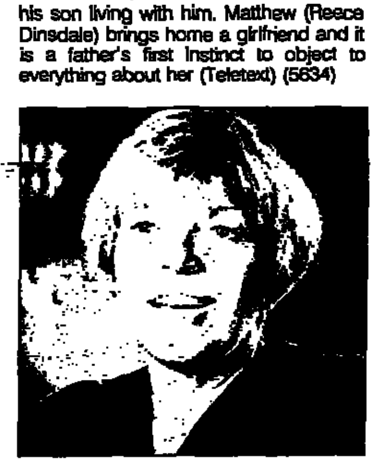
**6.30 Roseanne.** *DJ is not doing well at school* and Roseanne asks Dan to find out the reason (r) (Teletext) (s) (721)

**7.00 Channel 4 News** *(Teletext)* (276905)

**7.50 The Slot** (234363)

**8.00 Wild Britain: The Quick Brown Fox.** The life cycle of foxes through the seasons (Teletext) (6127)

**8.30 Home to Roost.** Comedy series starring *John Thaw as a divorced father* who has his son living with him. Matthew (Reece Dinsdale) brings home a girlfriend and it is a father's first instinct to object to everything about her (Teletext) (5634)



The author Ann Jones (9.00pm)

**9.00 Witness: When Women Kill** (Teletext) (1905)

**10.00 NYPD Blue.** New York police drama series. While one suspect admits murdering his aunt, Medavoy and *Martinez hunt for a biker suspected of* killing a bouncer (Teletext) (755585)

**10.55 Whose Line Is It Anyway?** Off-the-cuff *comedy chaired by Clive Anderson (r)* (Teletext) (s) (588160)

**11.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else?** A repeat of last Friday's final edition of the comedy satire show (s) (834011)

**12.10am Is This Your Life?** Andrew Neil talks to Olivia Newton John (r) (Teletext) (s) (9806580)

**12.55 Dispatches** (r) (Teletext) (5219180)

**1.40** ***FILM:*** **Life Begins in College** (1937, b/w) with the Ritz Brothers, Joan Davis and Tony Martin. A college comedy *musical about campus tailors who are* eager to become involved in college football. Directed by William A. Seiter (639344)

## SATELLITE AND CABLE

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### SKY ONE

**7.00am** *Undun (30479)* ***9.00*** Press Your Luck (3710063) **9.20** Love Connection (9188030) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (4954030) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9352295) ***11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (3400856)*** **12.00** Beechy (30382) **1.00pm** Hotel (49030) **2.00** Geraldo (94189) **3.00** Court TV (5276) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (8304635) **4.15** *Undun (7938721)* **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9856) **6.00** The Simpsons (3547) **6.30** Jeopardy! (7127) **7.00** LAPD (4635) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6011) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (8805) **8.30** Animal Practice (8740) **9.00** The Commish (66721) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (76108) **11.00** Highlander (43943) **12.00** Late Show *with David Letterman* (2573035) **12.45am** Civil Wars (9800561) **1.30** Anything But Love (41883) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9667561)

### SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

**9.30am** Beyond 2000 (32617) **10.30** ABC Nightline (84586) **1.30pm** CBS News (73301) **2.30** CBS News (61295) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (5805) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (79214) **7.30** Sportsline (67653) **8.30** Reuters Reports (6382) ***11.30*** CBS News (44943) **12.30am** ABC World News (16035) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (26590) **2.30** Reuters Reports (67615) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (39832) **4.30** CBS News (51867) **5.30** ABC World News (17306)

### SKY MOVIES

**6.00am Son of Kong (1933)** (81450) **8.00 State Fair (1962)** (18769) **10.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972)** (22963) **12.00 Pee-Wee's Big Adventure (1985)** (91092) **2.00pm Freefall: Flight 174 (1993)** (50160) **4.00 Run Wild, Run Free (1969)** (4160) **6.00 Father Hood (1993)** (44817189) **7.40 US Top Ten (1993)** (935437) **8.00 Airheads (1994)** (82769) **10.00 Pulp Fiction (1994)** (67797419) **12.35am Even Cowgirls Get the Blues (1994)** (591899) **2.15 The Star Chamber (1983)** (594493) **4.00 Bound and Gagged: A Love Story (1993)** (40580) **5.39 Closedown (1993)** (6837122)

### SKY MOVIES GOLD

**4.00pm Back to the Future (1985)** (3092) **6.00 Portrait of a Mobster (1961)** (52566) **8.00 Three Amigos! (1986)** (57011) **10.00 Back to the Future (1985)** (29740) **12.00 Horror of Frankenstein (1970)** (586832) **1.40-3.20am Port of Call (1948)** (865832)

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL

**6.00am Raising a Riot (1955)** (89092) **8.00 Lionheart (1980)** (23363) **9.00 The Last of the Mohicans** *(41672)* ***10.00*** **Smiley Gets a Gun (1958)** (20905) **12.00 House Calls (1978)** (99634) **2.00pm Back to the Beach (1987)** (61030) **4.00 Beauty and the Beast (1992)** (58214) **5.00 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1986)** (2566) **6.00 Family Prayers (1991)** (78566) **8.00 Deep Red (1994)** (68586) ***8.30 The Movie Show*** (1994) (24721) **10.00 Staggered (1994)** (532699) **11.35 Adventures of a Plumber's Mate (1978)** (255585) **1.05am Model by Day (1993)** (5887344) **2.35 Eureka** *(1981) (73399257)* **4.45-5.59 They Knew What They Wanted (1940)**

### THE DISNEY CHANNEL

***Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.***

**6.00am** Muppet Babies (92938108) **6.30** Ducktales (36375856) **7.00** Quack Attack (87253189) **7.30** *Raw Toonage (87265924)* **8.00** Raw Toonage (50093108) **8.30** Shnookums (50092479) **9.00** Marsupilami (50016059) **9.30** Ducktales (54657837) **10.00** *FILM: Disney's Incredible Journey* (73819030) **11.30** Darkwing Duck (97400721) **12.00** Darkwing Duck (50096295) **12.30pm** Ducktales (54651653) **1.00** Ducktales (77882009) **1.20** FILM: Max Is Missing (47829547) **3.00** Darkwing Duck (47065011) **3.30** Quack Attack (45023214) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (45002721) **4.30** Raw Toonage (45008805) **5.00** Boy Meets World (47097856) **5.30** Danger Bay (45022585) **6.00** Tarzan (45029498) **6.30** Dinosaurs (45003450) **7.00** The Torkelsons (47077092) **7.30** Tall Tales and Legends (26943672) **8.30** Entertainment Special (85735030) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (54648189)

### EUROSPORT

**7.30am** *Athletics (33108)* ***9.00*** Formula 1 (73634) **9.30** Motorcycling Magazine (10653) **10.00** Live Tennis: The French Open, from Paris (6750522) **5.30pm** Olympic *Magazine (4818)* ***6.00*** Football (99459479) **7.45** Motors (836214) **9.00** Tennis (20943) **10.00** Golf (23030) **11.00** Sailing (71189) **11.30** Tennis (53856) **12.00-12.30am** Motorcycling Magazine (45898)

### SKY SPORTS

**7.00am** Inside the PGA Tour (70011) **7.30** Wrestling — Superstars *(26276)* ***8.30*** Racing (97214) **9.00** Aerobics (88566) **9.30** Basketball Special (52059) **11.30** Skiff Sailing (95769) **12.00** Aerobics (91030) ***12.30pm Tartan Extra (91634)*** **2.30** The Pavilion End (16769) **3.30** Inside the PGA Tour (1738) **4.00** Watersports World (78092) **5.00** Wrestling (5672) **6.00** Sports *Centre (143127)* ***6.05*** US Women's Open Golf (347672) **7.00** The Winning Post: Musselburgh and Hereford — Live (67547) **9.00** Boots 'n' All (52437) **10.00** Sports Centre (451045) **10.15** Futbol Mundial (342083) **10.45** Nascar Super Trucks (456566) **11.45** Boots 'N' All (445450) **12.45am** Skiff Sailing (657851) **1.15** Formula Three Racing (654764) **1.45** Futbol Mundial (653035) **2.15-2.30** Sports Centre (9913431)

### SKY SPORTS 2

**7.00pm** US Women's Open — Live (9040672) **8.00** Ford Scorpio US PGA Golf: The Memorial — Live (9037108) **10.00** US *Women's Open — Live (6196108)* ***12.00*** Windsurfing Tour (6938122) **12.30am-1.00** Inside the PGA Tour (7096431)

### THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

**4.00am** Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Carmen Times Two **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music **5.45** This is Your Day **6.15** TBA **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

### SKY SOAP

**7.00am** Guiding Light (8896127) **7.55** As the World Turns (2984160) **8.50** Peyton Place (7131214) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1979634) **10.10-11.00** Another World

### SKY TRAVEL

**11.00am** Globetrotter (6185092) **11.30** Great Sports Vacations (6186721) **12.00** Eilat (7612127) **12.30pm** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (3868092) **1.00** Getaway (3119130) **1.30** Around the World (3867363) **2.00** To the Ends of the Earth (8886063) **3.00** Globetrotter (4789276) **3.30** Around the World (7426160) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (99775214)

John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

**4.00** Our Century (8109672) **5.00** Memories *of 1973 (4703856)* ***6.00-7.00*** *Biography:* Michelangelo — Artist and Man (3878011)

### THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

**1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9613851) **2.00-4.00** FILM: The Andromeda Strain (2468561)

### TLC

**9.00am** Simply Painting (1168127) **9.30** Grow with Joe (7183450) **10.00** Dogs with *Dunbar (5070383)* ***10.30*** *This Old* House with Steve and Norm (1157011) **11.00** Homemaker (6629092) **11.30** Craftwise (6620721) **12.00** Julia Child (1146363) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (7194566) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7935059) **1.30** Furniture to Go (7193837) **2.00** Our House (1362818) **2.30** The Garden Show (1392905) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (1374653) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (1397450)

### UK GOLD

**7.00am** Rentaghost (7905818) **7.30** Neighbours (7917653) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1147634) **8.30** EastEnders (1146905) **9.00** The Bill (1160585) **9.30** The Sullivans (7192108) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7913837) **11.00** Bullseye (6821450) **11.30** Gibberish (7844740) ***12.05pm*** *Sons and Daughters (55750011)* ***12.30*** Neighbours (7196824) **1.00** EastEnders (6580740) **1.35** Sykes (8456176) **2.15** Brush Strokes (7122943) **2.50** Butterflies *(9610818)* ***3.30*** *The Bill (1306108)* ***4.00*** Casualty (6645030) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7157498) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (6648030) **6.25** EastEnders (4616856) **7.00** *The Two Ronnies (2576189)* ***8.00*** *Bullseye* (1377740) **8.30** Home James (1363547) **9.00** Miss Marple: The Body in the Library (2598301) **10.00** The Bill (4122721) **10.35** Bottom (9957585) ***11.10*** *The Sweeney* (2786943) **12.15am** Classic Sport (1906561) **1.10** Public Eye (9823580) **2.05-3.00** Shopping (9236677)

### TCC

**6.00am** Tiny TCC (89382) **7.00** Sesame Street (19108) **8.00** Barney and Friends (25011) **8.30** Dinobabies (24382) **9.00** Garfield and Friends (15634) **9.30** The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (52853) **10.00** Eek the Cat (38672) **10.30** Earthworm Jim (11818) **11.00** Gravedale High (38498) **11.30** Where's Wally? (39127) **12.00** Isnogoud (35498) **12.30pm** Creepy Crawlers (63769) ***1.00*** *Eek the Cat (45460)* ***1.30*** The New Pink Panther Show (55740) **2.00** Stunt Afternoon: Blast — the TCC Chart Show (6943) **2.30** Boyzone (2092) **3.00** Take That in Concert (33943) **4.00** California Dreams (6672) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (2856)

### NICKELODEON

**6.00am** Banana Sandwich (1412473) **6.10** Babar (4428721) **6.35** Jimbo and the Jet Set (1134547) **6.40** Mr Men (7264473) **7.00** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (78653) **7.30** Pet Shop (57160) **8.00** Wishbone (96585) **8.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (95856) **9.00** Biker Mice from Mars (86108) **9.30** Clarissa (23127) **10.00** Rugrats (97818) **10.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (75092) **11.00** Rocko (85382) **11.30** Doug (88011) **12.00** Sister Sister (99672) **12.30pm** Pete and Pete (27943) **1.00** Capital Critters (77924) **1.30** Pet Shop (26214) **2.00** Wishbone (8817) **2.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (6276) **3.00** Count Duckula (9634) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1721) **4.00** Tales of the Cryptkeeper (5176) **4.30** Rugrats (9740) **5.00** Sister, Sister (1479) **5.30** Secret World of Alex Mack (5932) **6.00** Ren and Stimpy (7905) **6.30-7.00** Are You *Afraid of the Dark?* (1585)

### DISCOVERY

**4.00pm** *Time Travellers* (1316585) **4.30** Nature/Nature (1312769) **5.00** Legends of History (1365905) **6.00** Fire (1393634) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5474721) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (1313498) **8.00** The Professionals (2583479) **9.00** Top Marques (6649856) **9.30** Disaster (7107030) **10.00** Fast Cars (2599030) **11.00-12.00** Space *Shuttle (7912108)*

### BRAVO

**12.00** Robin Hood (1142188) **12.30pm** William Tell (7181092) **1.00** Jason King (7186547) **2.00** Department S (5075818) **3.00** The Saint (6828363) **4.00** FILM: The Stranger (1372295) **6.00** The Green Hornet (1380160) **6.30** Department S (5478547) **7.30** Dead at 21 (1300924) **8.00** UFO Documentary (2570905) **9.00** Twin Peaks (2590769) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Surf Nazis Must Die (6827634)

### PARAMOUNT

**7.00pm** Diff'rent Strokes (4943) **7.30** Entertainment (7769) **8.00** Benson (6473) **8.30** Wings (9498) **9.00** Soap (72818) **9.30** Taxi (14479) **10.00** Entertainment (90301) **10.30** The Cell Block (88498) **12.30am** Soap (85257) **1.00** Taxi (69275) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (47431) **2.00** Entertainment (41344) **2.30** The Critic (20851) **3.00** Dr Katz (87561) **3.30-4.00** Rocky and Bullwinkle (44431)

### UK LIVING

**6.00am** *Kilroy (8890030)* ***7.00*** Esther (5575924) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (4479898) **8.30** Going to Pot (6841092) **9.00** A Taste of Health (6497363) **9.35** Kate and Allie (8418158) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (5985382) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2182214) **11.00** Young and Restless (7640634) **11.55** Brookside (6354856) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (7681617) **1.20** Catchword (9092214) **2.00** Agony Hour (5853276) **3.00** Spring Living (8837905) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9242189) **4.30** Crosswits (2540301) **5.05** Lingo (15368160) ***5.30*** *Lucky Ladders (9255653)* ***6.00*** *Bewitched* (9252566) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (9243818) **7.00** Brookside (1779081) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (7023301) **8.00** Street *Legal (1312276)* ***9.00*** *FILM: The Fatal* Image (72057479) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (8187837) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (5584672)

### FAMILY CHANNEL

**5.00pm** Boogies Diner (7295) **5.30** Night Hood (3108) **6.00** Batman (3721) **6.30** Catchphrase (7301) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7059) **7.30** Me and the Boys (3585) **8.00** The Beiderbecke Connection (68769) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: A Sleeping Life (46905) **10.00** Round the World Treasure Hunt (49092) **11.00** Neon Rider (62127) **12.00** Trivial Pursuit (54561) **12.30am** Me and the Boys (47783) **1.00** Batman (36851) **1.30** All Together Now (67219) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (64832) **2.30** Neon Rider (23219) **3.30** All Together Now (64219) **4.00** Trivial Pursuit (78412) **4.30-5.00** Night Hood (57344)

### MTV

**7.30am** *Metallica Rockumentary (67672)* ***8.00*** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (851998) **11.00** Star Trax (43092) **12.00** Greatest Hits (44634) **1.00pm** Music Non-*Stop (28295)* ***3.00*** *Select MTV (35301)* ***4.00*** Hanging Out (78276) **5.30** Dial MTV (5566) **6.00** Soap Dish (2479) **6.30** The Big Picture (6059) **7.00** Star Trax (59479) **8.00** MTV *Special (68127)* ***9.00*** *X-ray Vision* (11721) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-head (14905) **11.00** Headbangers' Ball (10924) **1.00am** Videos (3266615) **5.00-5.59** Awake on the Wildside

### VH-1

**7.00am** Power Breakfast (4569671) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (2394030) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3889585) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (3865905) **2.00** Ten of the Best: Mary Wilson (6086081) **3.00** Into the Music (5508295) **6.00** Happy Hour (3885769) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9042030) **8.00** Thursday Review (9028450) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Bruce Dickinson (9048214) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (9041301) **11.00** Music First (4484027) **12.00** VH-1 to 1: Sting (6930580) **12.30am** *The Bridge (7065561)* ***1.00*** Ten of the Best: Bryan Adams (9622509) **2.00** Dawn Patrol (4082967)

### CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm** on **satellite, 24 hours on cable**

### ZEE TV

**7.00am** Jaagran (86038160) **7.30** Asian Morning (28304363) **8.30** Zee Presents (47345924) **9.00** Safaron Ka Karvan (47336276) **9.30** Your Zindagi (57569837) **10.00** Tara (88508856) **10.30** Uroosa (17952382) **12.30pm** Buniyaad (57563653) **1.00** FILM: Dard Ka Rista (70869081) **4.00** Top Ten (18615943) **5.00** Zee Zone (19107653) **5.30** Rang Tarang (79422653) **6.30** Zee and U (59256585) **7.00** Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup (19194189) **7.30** Galaxzee (59252769) **8.00** News (19103837) **8.30** Andaz (19115672) **9.00** TBA (65382653) **10.00** Horror (47357769) **10.30** Yaadon Ka Rang (47333189) **11.00** Commander (18616672) **11.30-12.00** Aap Ki Farmiash (29332363)

### CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

**Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.**

**7.00pm Summer Holiday (1948)** (87264295) ***9.00 Mr Skeffington (1944)*** (14758769) **11.15 Come Fly with Me (1963)** (69098943) **1.10am The Safecracker (1958)** (12761702) **2.50-5.00 Mr Skeffington (1944)** (33927054)

### CNN/QVC

**CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.**

### PERFORMANCE

*7.00pm Weather Update* ***8.00*** *Aria* ***8.30*** Symphony for the Spire **10.00** Opera Stories La Boheme **11.00** Guitarra **11.30** Aria **12.00-1.00am** Elaine Elias Trio

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# SPORT

**ATHLETICS 46**
LEWIS SEEKS TO MAKE LEAP INTO THOMPSON'S LEAGUE

THURSDAY MAY 30 1996

# Double talk and delay reflect badly on FA

**Rob Hughes** takes issue with the football authorities in their response to an act of vandalism

IT TOOK the Football Association *the better part of yesterday* to stop prevaricating and admit there had been wanton vandalism caused by an England player or players aboard the homeward flight from Hong Kong on Tuesday. Cathay Pacific had reported "the worst damage caused by British passengers in 25 years" during the mile high birthday party of Paul Gascoigne.

*So now, having admitted* the fact, the gentlemen of Lancaster Gate are merely *prevaricating until* Terry Venables, who is in Switzerland to watch one of England's *opponents* in the European championship, can come face *to face with the* bad boys who caused £5,000 worth of damage to two television *sets and a table in the 747* jet.

It makes you proud to be *English, does it not?* Yet throughout most of yesterday the FA was at pains to refute *the airline's account of* yobbish misbehaviour in the business class cabin reserved *for England's footballers.* The suggestion was that it was a storm in a champagne glass, *and Steve Double*, an FA spokesman, repeatedly blamed exaggerated media speculation, though he admitted he had no facts with which to counter the story.

Enter Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association. Long thwarted in his ambition to take over at Lan*caster Gate*, Taylor said: "It's difficult for me to know if it's a case of players having too *much drink or* a *prank* that has gone wrong. Certainly, if there's drink, then the airline *must take some responsibility* for giving young men too much."

What barefaced cheek. It might be that the airline considered it was carrying the pride of a nation's athletes on a last journey before the most important event of their lives. And, given that the birthday boy was 29, surely Cathay Pacific had a right to assume that if these players needed supervision, it was the job of the team management.

In fact, the 27 players were in the upper cabin, along with only Dr John Crane, the team doctor, of the England officials. The other officials, including Venables, were apparently sleeping unawares on a lower deck. "If there had been such raucous behaviour, you would have thought we would have woken up," Double said. "That wasn't the case." It never is; the FA traditionally sleeps while its reputation burns.

Double insisted he had walked through the area where the players had been sitting and that he saw nothing untoward. The players had been "impeccable" public relations ambassadors for their country on the long haul to China and Hong Kong.

It is Double who is the PR man. Yesterday, he added: "As far as Paul Gascoigne is concerned, we have no evidence to suggest he was involved. He was his usual cheery self, the life and soul of the party, keeping everyone amused. It was normal Paul Gascoigne behaviour." Ah, Gazza. He was the chosen one to address England's youth before the outbound flight and to beseech them not to spoil the Euro 96 party by misbehaving.

*What should be done?* John Carlisle MP, the vice chairman of the Conservative Party backbench sports committee, seldom misses an opportunity to pronounce on the nation's habits. *"This happened* at a time when obviously we are worried about what is going to happen over the next few weeks." Carlisle said. "It sets a terrible example. The culprits should be identified, publicly exposed and thrown out of the squad at once. And if that includes Paul Gascoigne, then so be it."

Carlisle's theme, that England players must not be seen to have behaved improperly and got away with it, is a fair response and should be followed when Venables returns *from Switzerland on Sunday*, has face to face talks with the alleged miscreants and then *identifies them.*

An appropriate punishment, however, might be a fine of say *£20,000 — £5,000* to cover Cathay Pacific's damage and £15,000 to donate to Alcoholics Anonymous. After that, let the players play.

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# Agassi pays heavy price for distractions

REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE

*Woodruff raises his arms in triumph after defeating Agassi in the second round of the French Open yesterday*

From David Miller, in Paris

THE French Open tennis championships boiled to life yesterday when Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, the respective No 1 and No 3 seeds, each were obliged to toil in the sun for five sets in the second round of the men's singles. Sampras ultimately survived with something to spare against Sergi Bruguera, of *Spain, but Agassi went down,* deservedly, to the unassuming Chris Woodruff, from Tennessee.

Few outside his junior female fan club will regret the *passing* of *Agassi given his* present imbalance of attitude: too busy a commercial schedule, too *little* time for tennis. You cannot go a week without hitting a ball, *as he* recently *did, and expect to pick up your* touch at the first swing.

He had looked vulnerable in the first round, short of fitness and rhythm, and now he was found out. Woodruff, 23, who nearly quit the game nine months ago when depressed with his lack of progress, came from two sets to one down to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. Agassi, telling officials that he would drive, as he does each day to avoid the clamouring admirers, from the court to the main stand for his press conference, was not to be seen again. The £2,000 fine is barely a pin prick.

With coy, feigned modesty, *Agassi had* introduced *himself* to Woodruff beforehand. "I'm Andre." By the finish, he had *discovered, uncomfortably,* who Woodruff was. Such was the impact of Woodruff's per*formance that players who he* had previously never spoken to were coming up with con*gratulations. "I think they* are shocked, or happy," he said, enigmatically.

*The 1993* National *Colle*giate Athletic Association singles champion in the United States, who had a record of 45-7, had been literally losing his way in *small* town *satellite* tournaments. He reached his first professional tournament this year at Philadelphia as a qualifier, losing to Jim Courier in straight sets. His father, a *professor in marketing at the* University of Tennesse, his coach and his sports psycholo*gist had persuaded him he* should keep going. Before yesterday he had won *$114,000 and is ranked No* 72 in the world.

"Before I came on tour I was *a bit timid," he said.* "I have been through a lot to get where I am now. If I hadn't contin*ued, I would be back in school* or *maybe* a nomad." It had been a shock, he said, joining the *circuit and discovering* the cut-throat attitude. He felt Agassi had been too impa*tient, wanting to hit through* him, showing no defensive qualities.

*Whether it is points on court* or dollars elsewhere, Agassi is in a hurry and, if he should *fall from the top flight, no one* will mourn on behalf of his vulgar, opportunist equip*ment sponsors, who send him* on court dressed like some Baghdad street trader. This *greed — by the same company* that has kitted out Mary Pierce in a black cocktail dress *and Sampras in Coco the* Clown's trousers — is a corruption of the game's elegance.

Woodruff said he did not envy Agassi's wealth or lifestyle. *"I was brought up in a* small town [Knoxville]. I've small town values," he said. *His own problem had not* been financial. "My head was the financial problem. Paying a *lot* to get it screwed *on* right."

There was not much wrong *with it yesterday. In fact, he* had set point in the third set tie-break at 6-5, winning a *rally, but could not clinch it.* However, he soon ran away with the fourth set and then *proceeded, twice, to* break Agassi, scruffy in stroke and application, in the final set.

*Bruguera,* who *won the* French title in 1993 and 1994 but has now slipped to a world *ranking of No* 23 and *was* unseeded this year, pressed Sampras hard after rapidly *surrendering the first two sets.* It all began to go wrong for the man with seven grand slam *titles when he hit a run of loose* shots in the third set tie-break and he could not put on the *brake when continuing to* slide backwards in the fourth.

He had three break-points *in the second game of the final* set, reaching 40-0 with a final cross-court volley at the end of *a rally that will not be bettered* throughout the two weeks. He lost them and a fourth before *taking the fifth with a drive*-volley and, from there, he was safe, winning 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3.

Agassi: toiling

Appearing before Agassi on the Lenglen Court, Mary Pierce, a *finalist here two* years ago and the Australian champion last year, appeared to be under the delusion that she *was* Suzanne. The only problem was that against the diminutive and appealling Dally Randriantefy, her game carried none of the grandeur of her manner.

So haughtily did she preen, pout and pirouette that the court might have been a catwalk. All that was missing was a vanity mirror by the *umpire's chair. She* categorically denied afterwards that her off-the-shoulder dress was a distraction, *never* mind that after almost every point she would smooth the skirt around the hips with her palms.

She was always serene as she took the first set 6-3, but, at 2-3 down in the second, she indulged in the ultimate affectation. At the change of ends, she sat in her chair cross-legged, Cowardesque, as if to *say this was* all too boring.

Little Randriantefy keeping her head as the crowd noisily *implied Mar-ie to allez, broke* serve *twice* to level the match. Pierce socked the spare ball petulantly into the top of the stand, but thereafter got hold of her game sufficiently to win 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. She had appeared to pretend on court, however, that this nasty little experience had really happend to someone else.

## RESULTS FROM PARIS

MEN

*SINGLES: First round:* L Roux (Fr) bt F Fontang (Fr) 3-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-1; J Hlasek (Switz) bt M Larsson (Swe) 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, 6-1; D Wheaton (US) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-7, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4; M Stich (Ger) bt P Fredriksson (Swe) 6-4, 7-5, 6-4; J Siemerink (Holl) bt H Gumy (Arg) 7-6, 6-3, 6-1; P Korda (Cz) bt S Pescosolido (It) 4-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; C Moya (Sp) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-4, 7-6, 6-2; G Rusedski (GB) bt G Doyle (Aus) 6-2, 1-6, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5. Second round: R Furlan (It) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-0, 6-2, 6-4; J Tarango (US) bt F Squillari (Arg) 6-4, 6-4, 6-1; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-2, 7-5, 6-3; T Martin (US) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-4, 7-6, 6-2; S Draper (Aus) bt G Schaller (Austria) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt D Rikl (Cz) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt A Costa (Sp) 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; C Woodruff (US) bt A Agassi (US) 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt M Norman (Swe) 7-6, 6-4, 6-7, 4-6, 6-2; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6; R Krajicek (Holl) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 6-2, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

DOUBLES: First round: K Novacek (Cz) and V Spadea (US) bt J-F Bachelot (Fr) and G Carraz (Fr) 6-2, 6-3, S Davis (US) and T Henman (GB) bt M Barnard (SA) and G Van Emburgh (US) 6-3, 6-2; J Grabb (US) and R Reneberg (US) bt M Gölner (Ger) and D Prinosil (Ger) 6-3, 6-4; S Lareau (Can) and A O'Brien (US) *bt N Lapentti (Ec) and N* Pereira (Ven) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; D Adams (SA) and W Arthurs (Aus) bt T Kempers (Holl) and T Nijssen (Holl) 6-3, 3-6, 8-6; L Lobo (Arg) and J Sánchez (Sp) bt S Grosjean and *O Mutis (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; M Knowles (Bah) and* D Nestor (Can) bt N Broad (GB) and P Norval (SA) 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; P Haarhuis (Holl) and S Schalken (Holl) bt K Kinnear (US) and D Randall (US) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; J-P Fleurian and G Raoux (Fr) bt R Gilbert (Fr) and S Simian (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; D Johnson (US) and F Montana (US) bt A Boetsch (Fr) and M Rosset (Switz) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) and P Korda (Cz) bt B Steven (NZ) and K Thorne (US) 6-3, 6-4; L Pimek (Bel) and B Talbot (SA) bt J-L de Jager (SA) and M Larsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; L Bale (SA) and S Noteboom (Holl) bt K Flach (US) and D Wheaton (US) 7-6, 6-4; J Arrese (Sp) and S Pescosolido (It) bt L Jensen (US) and M Jensen (US) 6-4, 6-4; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) bt J Golmard (Fr) and L Roux (Fr) 6-0, 6-3; B Haygarth (SA) and C van Rensburg (SA) bt P Kilderry (Aus) and P Tramacchi (Aus) 6-2, 7-6; B Black (Zim) and G Connell (Can) bt G Koves (Hun) and A Richardson (GB) 6-1, 6-4; J Palmer (US) and J Stark (US) bt B Behrens (US) and M Lucena (US) 6-3, 7-6; T *Kronemann* (US) *and D MacPherson (Aus) bt E Ferreira* (SA) and J Siemerink (Holl) 6-7, 7-6, 7-5.

WOMEN

SINGLES: First round: K Nagatsuka *(Japan) bt K Adams (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2;* Y Basuki (Indo) bt M Werdel Witmeyer (US) 6-4, 6-2; L Davenport (US) bt F Perfetti (It) 6-4, 6-1; K Boogert (Holl) bt A Montolio (Sp) 6-1, 6-4; F Lubiani (It) bt C Porwik (Ger) 6-4, 7-5; B Paulus (Austria) bt N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-4, 6-4; M J Fernandez (US) bt M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-0, 6-1; S Cecchini (It) bt M McGrath (US) 6-2, 6-1; P Suarez (Arg) bt M de Swardt (SA) 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; *N Zvereva* (Belo) bt D van Roost (Bel) 6-3, 6-4. Second round: M Hingis (Switz) bt P Begerow (Ger) 7-5, 7-5; S Pitkowski (Fr) bt N Feber (Bel) 6-2, 7-5; M Pierce (Fr) bt D Randriantefy (Madagascar) 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; I Spirlea (Rom) bt S Farina (It) 4-0 ret; E Makarova (Russ) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-1, 6-1; J Novotna (Cz) bt Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan) 6-4, 6-3; B Rittner (Ger) bt Jing-Qian Yi (China) 6-0, 6-3; M Seles (US) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 7-6, 6-2; A Huber (Ger) bt A Temesvari (Hun) 6-3, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt T Whitlinger-Jones (US) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

DOUBLES: First round: N Dahlman (Fin) *and C Wood (GB) bt Lindsay Lee (US) and* C Schneider (Ger) 6-1, 7-6; S Meier (Ger) and H Nagyova (Slovakia) bt S Jeyaseelan (Can) and L Porurl (US) 6-4, 7-5; P Langrova (Cz) and R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt E de Lone (US) and N Pratt (Aus) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; K Radford (Aus) and S Stafford (US) bt N Miyagi (Japan) and S Reece (US) 6-0, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) and P Tarabini (Arg) bt W Probst and C Singer (Ger) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; A Ellwood (Aus) and R Nideffer (SA) bt C Cristea (Rom) and T Jecmenica (Yug) 6-3, 6-2; O Lugina (Ukr) and E Wagner (Ger) bt S Krivencheva (Bul) and E Martincova (Cz) 6-4, 6-3; K Nagatsuka (Japan) and A Sugiyama (Japan) bt N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) and S Rottier (Holl) 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; L Davenport (US) and M-J Fernandez (US) bt *J Hetherington (Can) and K Rinaldi-Stunkel* (US) 7-6, 6-4; K Adams (US) and M de Swardt (SA) bt I Demongeot (Fr) and C Dhenin (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; N Arendt (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) bt S Cecchini (It) and L Garrone (It) 6-2, 7-6. G Fernandez (US) and

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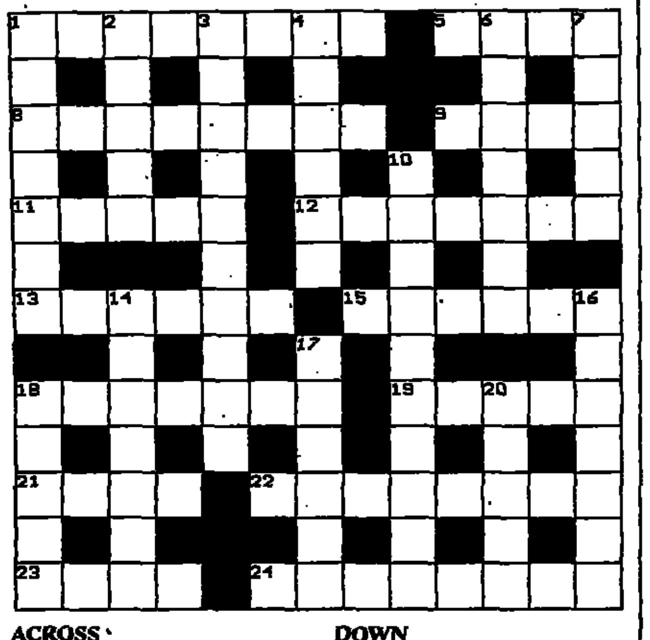

**ACROSS**

1 Weak physical state (8)
5 Pack away (4)
8 Container for leftover food (5,3)
9 Two and a bit pounds (4)
11 Supporting wedge; little nail (5)
12 Significance (7)
13 Expel *from country* (6)
15 Sweetly ripe; genial (6)
18 Laughably inadequate (7)
19 Weighty (5)
21 Style of walking (4)
22 Item in news summary (8)
23 Piece for two players (4)
24 Good fortune personified (4,4)

**DOWN**

1 Logically inferred (7)
2 Military brass instrument (5)
3 Consider valuable, trustworthy (3,5,2)
4 *Serious shock, (med.) injury* (6)
6 Unimportant (7)
7 *Incorrect* (5)
10 Fix wedding (4,3,3)
14 Taking no initiative (7)
16 *A woodpecker; a painful*, stiff condition (7)
17 Spanish currency (6)
18 *Unbending* (5)
20 Farewell (5)

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# Illingworth book claims casualty

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

RAYMOND ILLINGWORTH may yet survive his latest challenge as chairman of the England cricket selectors, but the book that threatens him has already claimed a casualty. Jack Bannister, co-author of the controversial Illingworth book, *One Man Committee*, was yesterday obliged to resign as president of the *Professional Cricketers'* Association (PCA), the trade union of English players.

Given the weight of disapproval being *voiced over the timing and content of the* book, Bannister's departure from his honorary position is unsurprising. The *PCA executive* first questioned him on the issue six weeks ago. "I suggested the officers adopted a wait-and-see policy," Bannister said yesterday, "but with Raymond now due to face a disciplinary hearing, I can understand the association wanting to distance itself."

Bannister, whose decision to resign "in the wider interests of the game" was announced in a brief statement by the PCA executive, added that he was "sad that my involvement with the association has come to an end". It is a long and *distinguished involvement* dating back to the end of his playing career in 1967. Bannister, now 65, served as treasurer, *secretary and chairman before succeed*ing John Arlott as president.

Bannister has long possessed a talent for versatility. *Aside from his role* with the PCA, he is a writer and television commentator on the game and a committee member of Glamorgan. There would inevitably come a time when others considered that he was compromising one role with another, but it is ironic that it should happen so soon after he advised David Graveney, general secretary of the PCA, that he would be guilty of a conflict of interests *if he pursued his* challenge for Illingworth's chair.

It is understood that the PCA's concern extended *beyond* the Illingworth *affair.* Bannister has written two other books this winter, with Allan Lamb and Don Oslear. *Both are controversial cricketing* characters whose stories will be regarded by many in the game as best left untold.

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